

**St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**September 3, 2019**

**Council Members Present:** Tom Cordaro, Casey Fuller, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Liz Kruk, Chris Lupo, Brian Pelz, Joey Rose, Dave Schwartz, Peggy Soeldner

**Members Absent:** Chas Bellock, Anne Lysaught, Carrie Tilton, Terry Wagner

**Guests Members:** Desmond Curran

**OPENING AND PRAYER:** Tonight's meeting was held in the Upper Room. Joey Rose supplied the prayer and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** from Joey

- Council members went around the table and introduced themselves briefly.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES:** Dave made motion to approve June minutes, Peggy seconded. Minutes approved.

**EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE – ALICE –** from Desmond Curran

- Desmond reported on the progress of the committee
  - Himself, Dan Lawler, Ken L, and Chuck Marquis (sp?) from Administration make up the committee.
  - On Sept. 18 at 7pm, members of the Naperville PD will provide an "ALICE" training. This is limited to greeters, PC, and staff due to attendance restrictions from the PD.
- Liz asked about the possibility of providing training to the parish at large, specifically RE teachers and other catechists. Desmond explained that there's no reason they couldn't provide some sort of training to the rest of the parish, but this specific ALICE training is limited on this occasion.
- Tom thanked Desmond for his persistence and dedication to this topic.
  - He added that some communication to the rest of the parish about the steps being taken would be a good idea, just to let them know.
  - Other members clarified that communication doesn't need to include specifics, but could talk about general safety.
- Joey asked if anyone was hearing from parishioners about safety
  - Generally, PC said no, but Peggy and Dave had heard about what measures other parishes are taking.
- Brian asked if the committee has a timetable or specific goals they're trying to reach. Desmond said right now, they're focusing on getting an assessment of where things are, and they're looking to have another meeting in the next month or two.

**DATE FOR FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY GATHERING** from Joey

- PC decided that the gathering would take place on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS from Joey

- PC has 4 committees, 2 of which are done by at-large members: Appreciation Committee and Nomination Committee
  - Chas is staying on the Appreciation Dinner
    - Liz Kruk will join Chas on the committee
  - Dave is on the Nomination Committee
    - Joey will join Dave on the committee
- The other 2 committees are the Stewardship Committee and the Communications Committee
  - Chas is staying on the Stewardship Committee
  - Peggy is staying on the Communications Committee
    - Casey Fuller will join Peggy on the committee
- Joey asked to open up a discussion next month about the purpose and role of the Secretary position on the PC
  - Tom clarified that the discussion will focus on the value of adding a 1-page summary of the PC meetings in addition to the minutes published on the website.
  - PC will decide on a new secretary next month.

#### COMMISSION NAME CHANGE from Chris Lupo

- Chris explained that the current Christian Education Commission is changing to the Christian Formation Commission, according to the diocese.
  - Joey motioned to approve, Liz seconded. Approved.
- Dan asked if he and Jackie could be added to the Council list serv. Tom said they could ask Mike Prus.

#### MONITORING CHURCH ATTENDANCE from Dave Schwartz

- Dave had a discussion with a representative from the diocese of Joliet and explained that SMMP needs to evaluate the resources allocated to keeping the parish viable and vibrant in terms of attendance. This is an ongoing discussion going forward.
- Tom said that the purpose of the census is to get a more realistic number of parishioners as well as updated contact information.

#### BUDGET FOR 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE from Joey

- The proposed budget is \$2000. Peggy motioned to approve, Liz and Dave seconded. Approved.

#### MEMBERS FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY AD HOC COMMITTEE & CHAIRPERSON from Joey

- Tom will ask for Deacon Ken to be the chairperson of this committee.
- Tom asked for another member from PC to join the committee. Brian volunteered.
  - He said the first job for the committee is to recruit other members to the committee.
- Sr. Madeline will be an advisor.

Joey plugged the Parish Picnic, and suggested we wear the PC nametags.

The Council took a break for refreshments at 7:52pm.

## COMMISSION REPORTS

CFC from Chris Lupo

- Chris didn't have anything more to add from the report.

CWC from Brian Pelz

- Getting ready for Kick-off September. The theme and calling has been introduced in the weekly masses. There is also going to be a blessing for new parishioners.
- Brian mentioned there was some concern about finding more people to minister at mass.
  - Peggy asked if Brian knew why they were having trouble finding more ministers, and Brian explained that in general it's a lack of new members.

CSC from Tom Cordaro

- Tom explained that there are usually 3 meetings, but they are adding another meeting this year to develop a unique identity to each of the two subcommittees (those that serve outside the parish, and those that serve inside the parish).
  - He clarified that they're trying to facilitate more collaboration between the services that fall under the CSC.

ADMIN from Anne Lysaught

- Anne was absent.

Tom said that now we have a youth rep, he is invited to give a monthly report on what he's hearing from the teenage community. He is also invited to join any of the other committees in the parish.

YOUTH COMMISSION from Casey Fuller

- Casey said that everyone seems excited about school starting back up.
- He suggested there might be ways to bring youth to the church for other reasons besides PEER. Perhaps a more dynamic activity, such as singing or basketball.
  - Dave and Fr. Paul said they have an open gym on Wednesday nights at All Saints that's available for social programs.
- Fr. Paul said that he's hearing from people about having more social activities available from our parish.
  - Liz asked if other parishes are doing similar programs, and what specifically they're doing. She said that perhaps we could join in their programs, or begin our own.

MINISTRY REVIEW from Carrie Tilton, Brian Pelz, and Dave Schwartz

- Brian went through Carrie's ministry review update and discussed the progress in the different ministry open items.
- Dave discussed the role of the Talent Acquisition Coordinator.
- The rest will be discussed at the October meeting.

#### WHAT WE ARE HEARING

- Dave = Heard good things from the concert in August. He said the Knights of Columbus could use volunteers to hand out tootsie rolls. He is watching the weather for the upcoming picnic.
- Peggy = Concert was great, and worked out indoors.
- Tom = Heard great things about the concert as well.
- Casey = Generally, young people are positive about life at the moment. Afraid about the Amazon, but good start to the school year.

Council ended with a closing prayer at 8:26pm. Meeting adjourned.