

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
June 4, 2019

Council Members Present: Jim Chitwood, Mary Oliphant, Tom Cordaro, Brian Pelz, Dave Schwartz, Carrie Tilton, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Joey Rose, Julie Lomax, Anne Lysaught, Peggy Soeldner, Chas Bellock

Guests/New Members: Liz Cruk, Chris Lupo

Guests Absent: Casey Fuller, Terry Wagner

OPENING AND PRAYER: Tonight's meeting was held in the Parish Rectory. Fr. Paul supplied the prayer and Jim Chitwood called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Fr. Paul introduced Liz Cruk as a guest considering joining the Council. PC went around the room and made introductions.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2019 MEETING MINUTES: Dave made motion to approve May minutes, Joey and Carrie seconded. Minutes approved.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE from Chas Bellock

- The committee stuffed envelopes for the "tea party" and scheduled a celebration party for July, assuming the initiative is successful.
 - Results so far: after 1 week of the campaign, 28 envelopes have come in with \$4,300 received
 - Committee will send out Thank You notes to the participants
 - Chas asked if anyone has heard feedback about the campaign.
 - Mary's husband opened the envelope and thought, "Is this political?" because of the phrase "tea party."
 - Carrie asked a clarifying question about the former "debt reduction" campaign, and Chas explained that the committee chose to move forward with a more general fundraising campaign.
 - Chas gave a special shout out to Anne Lysaught for planning and implementing the "tea party" initiative.
- Chas said the Planned Giving blurb is included in the bulletin and has been modified to include RMD, Stock, and the tea party.
- We're \$36,000 short of budget in the weekly collection budget, and the fiscal year ends at the end of June.
 - Liz said universities are very successful by asking many people for smaller amounts rather than fewer people for larger amounts, so that might be a possible solution going forward.
- The next Stewardship Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19th.
 - Committee will be discussing and planning the 3rd Annual Appeal, not to conflict with the Diocesan Appeal.

- Will also discuss tying into the 40th anniversary of SMMP
 - PC discussed who should spearhead the anniversary celebrations/ plans. No final decision was made.
 - Mary asked when the anniversary celebrations will begin and end. Tom said that SMMP staff would set those dates.

COMMISSION REPORTS

TALENT ACQUISITION/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR for all commissions

- Anne had recommendations and resources for this position, and suggested that it should be called a Volunteer Coordinator position, since this has been built in other parishes before.
- Dave asked for someone from PC to help him find the person for this position. Brian volunteered.

CEC from Julie Lomax

- Sue's retirement celebration is Sunday. 8:00 am mass and refreshments in the upper room until 11:00 am.
 - Jackie Snyder has been hired for K-8. She begins July 1st. Dan Lawler will coordinate the rest.
- There's also a new "ECHO" representative.

CWC from Brian Pelz

- Felicia Egan's term is up for the Eucharistic Ministers, but they do not yet have a replacement.

CSC from Carrie Tilton

- The Daybreak Good Friday collection was very good and they're offering to allocate \$2000 of their budget to fill another gap.
- PADS had a successful volunteer sign-up after mass last week.
 - Carrie will send a follow up email about the technical side of volunteerism (using digital sign-ups). Could be an opportunity to bring different ministries together.
- Just hired a coordinator for the nursery. Pilar Clark begins July 1st.
- Carrie will follow up on other ministry review initiatives.

ADMIN from Anne Lysaught

- The committee focused on the parking lot. Thinking about spending as low as \$5000 and as high as \$30,000. Hoping to get that work done before September.

LEAKY-ROOF REPAIR from Anne Lysaught

- Fr. Paul said the Parish just signed a contract with a company to investigate the leaky roof.
 - \$4,300 to investigate and diagnose a problem.
- Admin originally proposed to inspect the roof from inside and out, but the proposal to investigate from inside is the better way to go to prevent damage.

Mary brought up email expectations for PC, and PC discussed the “reply all” function.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

- Note: All current PC members vote, even those cycling out, but the ones coming onto PC do not vote.
- Tom started with the office of President.
 - Brian nominated Dave, Dave declined the nomination
 - Carrie nominated Peggy, Peggy declined the nomination
 - Joey nominated Chas, Chas declined the nomination
 - Chas nominated Joey, Joey accepted the nomination
 - All in favor, none opposed. Joey Rose is Parish Council President.
- Vice President
 - Mary nominated Peggy, Peggy accepted the nomination
 - All in favor none opposed, Peggy is the Parish Council Vice President
- Secretary
 - Will be decided at the August meeting.

WEBSITE UPDATE

- Tom said the website is in development. Next step will be to send to Council for review.
- Mary asked about the rain garden. Tom said it should be planted on July 15th, and they’re looking for volunteers.

WHAT WE ARE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS

- Brian = He was approached by a Muslim man after choir practice who said that he brings his kids to SMMP because he feels so welcomed there. So “All Are Welcome” is really hitting home.
- Joey = Sat next to two parishioners and said they were very attracted to SMMP because of the consensus decision-making and the welcoming atmosphere.
- Anne = Parishioners were confused that the Feast of the Ascension was not on Thursday. The confusion was because the Thursday collection envelope was on the envelope packet.

The Council adjourned for social time at 8:07pm.