

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

Council Members Present: Tom Cordaro, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Chris Lupo, Anne Lysaught, Brian Pelz, Joey Rose, Dave Schwartz, Peggy Soeldner, Carrie Tilton, Terry Wagner

Members Absent: Chas Bellock, Casey Fuller, Liz Kruk

OPENING AND PRAYER: Tonight's meeting was held in the Upper Room. Terry Wagner supplied the prayer and Joey Rose called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2019 MINUTES: All members agree to approve the minutes, none opposed. Minutes approved.

SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT from Carrie Tilton

- Carrie reviewed the process and schedule for the ministries to be highlighted in the weekly bulletin. Commission reps and PC discussed the finer points of the process to make sure everyone was on the same page.
 - Carrie asked for feedback as this is rolled out.
 - Terry suggested perhaps adding a spotlight in the bulletin for "Know Your Staff" as well. Could be peppered into the bulletins throughout the year.

THANK YOU CARDS from Joey Rose

- Joey passed around the thank you notes that were created at the Big Day of Service.

APPRECIATION DINNER EXPENSES from Joey Rose on behalf of Chas Bellock and Liz Kruk

- Joey pulled up the document from Chas about the Appreciation Dinner expenses. PC reviewed and discussed different aspects of the Appreciation Dinner partners and rentals.
- Carrie said she would ask the Scouts to provide some volunteers for the event.
- Joey called for consensus on approving the expenses. All agreed, expenditures approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS

CWC from Brian Pelz

- The Advent and Christmas liturgies are all planned.
- Desmond provided further information on the Emergency Management Committee. They're still meeting and will continue to provide updates.
- Terry noticed in CWC's minutes that 5 different groups booked the library at once on a Saturday. He wanted to make sure that the space is being scheduled properly.

- Tom made clear that the library should be treated like a room that requires scheduling.
- Brian will get more details about this specific incident and will follow up with the concerned parties.
- Terry also followed up on the expenses from the lightning strike.

CSC from Carrie Tilton

- Nothing to report.

ADMIN from Anne Lysaught

- The phone issue has been resolved, as there are now phones in the RE rooms.
- The commission is still reviewing the parking lot handicapped spots, the window leak, and the Wi-Fi password and firewall.
 - Chris noted that the diocese wasn't sure about liability and other issues regarding Internet access so did not currently have a recommendation for guest Internet access.

CFC from Chris Lupo

- Nothing to report.

YOUTH COMMISSION from Casey Fuller

- Casey was absent. Nothing to report.

The Council took a break for refreshments at 7:34pm.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL ASSESSMENT from Fr. Paul

- Starting July 2020, the Diocese is assessing a fee to all parishes to help fund Catholic schools. PC discussed the implications of this assessment, particularly the cost of operating All Saints and other diocesan schools.
 - PC discussed some follow up questions on the budget information from Mike Prus, as well as the possibility of writing a letter to the Bishop regarding SMMP's agreement regarding All Saints.

APPROVAL OF SAINT MARGARET MARY WOODS PROPOSAL from Tom Cordaro

- Tom asked for consensus on the proposal.
- PC had a few clarifying questions, which were discussed briefly.
- Joey called for consensus. All agreed, proposal has passed.

COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT WORK: WHOM SHALL WE INTERVIEW? from Tom Cordaro

- Tom explained that year-one discernment work includes interviewing parishioners in order to inhabit the world they experience. Tom asked PC to decide if there were certain groups of parishioners that PC should interview.
 - PC discussed the interview process and training for how to interview.
 - PC also discussed in depth how to go about identifying these groups of parishioners and how the interviews would happen.

- Terry requested that PC discuss at a later meeting the specific interview questions.
- Brian thought the groups identified in the last cycle of discernment work would still be relevant and beneficial to use in the upcoming cycle.
- Fr. Paul proposed a focus on young families and how to help them become better Christians and better people. He suggested PC aim for at least 50% of people interviewed be in this category. PC agreed, Tom will identify this group and create a list.
 - Peggy also suggested identifying and interviewing college-aged adults. PC discussed this group, as well as teens.

WHAT WE ARE HEARING

- Tom – Had the first planning meeting for the 2020 Interfaith Meeting. When the group discussed hopes, one person identified that SMMP was a sign of hope for her because they welcomed people of all faiths.
- Dave – Hearing “critter” stories in the basement area. Anne will follow up with Admin.
- Carrie – A parishioner said that staff and leadership should be doing more evangelization outside of the parish. She also said that Marissa is doing a wonderful job with the children and RE groups.

Council ended with a closing prayer at 9:10pm. Meeting adjourned.