

**St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**November 5, 2019**

**Council Members Present:** Chas Bellock, Tom Cordaro, Casey Fuller, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Liz Kruk, Anne Lysaught, Brian Pelz, Joey Rose, Dave Schwartz, Carrie Tilton, Terry Wagner

**Members Absent:** Peggy Soeldner, Chris Lupo

**OPENING AND PRAYER:** Tonight's meeting was held in the Parish Center. Fr. Paul supplied the prayer and Joey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

**OUR CONVOCATION "CHANGING PARISH CULTURE" DISCUSSION** from Fr. Paul

- Fr. Paul gave PC an overview of a current cultural change beginning in the Catholic Church in the US. The Bishop is calling for and developing a process whereby laypersons re-evangelize the culture of the US. Fr. Paul shared the basic overview of the early stages of this process and challenged PC to think about how we could revitalize people in our personal lives and in the parish to go from an institutional faith to an intentional faith.
  - PC discussed different aspects of this process and the materials Fr. Paul provided.
  - Discussion will continue at the December meeting.

**MINISTRY REVIEW** from Carrie Tilton

- Volunteer Coordinator – no updates from Dave, will revisit in December
- Commission reps should update their directory at this time
- Carrie noted that they will begin ministry spotlights in the bulletin; a schedule for the spotlights is forthcoming.
- Terry will coordinate the different meeting times for the commissions and ministries and will send out the schedule to PC so members can attend the meetings.

The Council took a break for refreshments at 7:53pm.

**APPRECIATION DINNER** from Chas Bellock

- Scheduled for Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. Victoria Kosirog has agreed to decorate and Brian has coordinated the music. All that is left is to coordinate food.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** from Chas Bellock

- The committee will not have an appeal this year, but will instead send out a brochure with Fr. Paul's letter to encourage parishioners to continue their contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

- Budget for fiscal year to date October is \$416,000 and the contributions have been \$416,000.
- Planned giving blurbs will be included regularly in the bulletin.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT/FUNDRAISER FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY from Tom Cordaro

- Tom presented a proposal to add a “St. Margaret Mary Woods” to the hill just south of the main parking lot. Parishioners could donate a certain amount of money and have a tree planted in their honor (or that of a designated loved one).
- PC discussed the points of this proposal in depth and will make a final decision on the proposal at December’s meeting.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS

##### CWC from Brian Pelz

- Worship is planning for Advent and Christmas, with a meeting scheduled this week.
- There are 10 new volunteers for the worship ministries.
- There was an ALICE training in October for the greeters. The Emergency Readiness Committee is working on other safety initiatives for SMMP.

##### CSC from Carrie Tilton

- The Big Day of Service is November 16<sup>th</sup>. Carrie encouraged PC to sign up if available.

##### ADMIN from Anne Lysaught

- The Admin committee met on 10/22, and the minutes will come next month. They discussed the sound system, phone contract, roof leak, and snow removal service contract.

##### CFC from Chris Lupo

- Chris was absent; updates are in her report.

##### YOUTH COMMISSION from Casey Fuller

- Freshman retreat is this upcoming weekend. The theme is the Road to Emmaus and everyone is very excited!

#### WHAT WE ARE HEARING

- Joey = Received comments regarding the scheduling of Confirmation in 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Additionally, she heard that SMMP doesn’t have enough handicapped parking spaces.
  - PC discussed these issues briefly.

Council ended with a closing prayer at 8:57pm. Meeting adjourned.