

St. Marianne Cope Parish, Pastoral Council (2019/2020)

Members = Chuck Barone, Rosemary Bouchard, Keith Bock, Phil Daggar Jr., Yvonne Kimaid, Gene Kobos, Dana Neumire, Meg Palmer, Holly Saad, Sr. Sheila Stevenson, Joe Valenti, Glen Zicarelli

Administrator = Sr. Sheila Stevenson **Trustees** = Meg Palmer and Phil Daggar Jr.
Facilitator = Yvonne Kimaid **Co-Facilitator** = None **Secretary** = Holly Saad

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2020

Members Absent: None.

Members Excused: Glen Zicarelli

* Meeting began in prayer at 7:05pm.

The minutes of the January 2020 Pastoral Council (PC) meeting were approved with the following corrections/clarifications to the section titled "Pastoral Administrator's Report": Other/ Holy Week schedule –

- Note that where it states "all other suggestions for events and mass times presented by the liturgy committee were accepted without change by the PC", PC member Keith Bock reported this as incorrect as not all agreed with the Palm Sunday schedule (ie eliminating having a mass at our SJ site on that occasion).
- There were also discrepancies (suggesting error) regarding where it states, "PC members discussed the matter more fully and suggested the following mass schedule for Easter Sunday: 7:15 at SJ, 9:30 at GA, and 11:45 at GA". This section should clearly indicate that only some PC members (not all) suggested these times to Sr. Sheila, therefore, the times suggested should not be interpreted as a consensus by all PC members present or as a formal suggestion to Sr. Sheila and the staff on behalf of PC.

RHYM Report

RHYM attendees shared a formal hard copy report with each PC member. The following is a brief summary of points contained within the hard copy...

Old Business –

- 2020 Hands of Christ recipients were recognized at the 01/19 masses.
- 01/19 was the Annual Movies 10 outing.
- 01/20 Bingo for seniors and retired parishioners took place.
- 01/21 was RHYM cares night where participants shopped for groceries 6 families in need.
- 02/04 was the annual Souper Bowl of Caring (61 youth attended) - an evening of service projects, faith building, and fun was had by all.

New Business –

- 2/23 A pajama party/ social event is planned.
- 2/25 Mardi Gras Pancake Supper – Open to the whole Parish.
- 3/13 Jr. RHYM's Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross
- March – The annual Easter candy sale will take place.
- 4/15 Sr. RHYM's Living Stations of the Cross

Discussion: What are we hearing from parishioners? /Feedback from the January 25/26 'PC members present to parishioners after Mass' –

The following was shared with two members of PC -

- Problem and Suggestion: A parishioner reported that It is difficult to find a spot to sit in the church when the church appears very full. His solution - Have ushers seat mass attendees/ specifically locate a seat at such times.
- Problem and Suggestion: Incense is an irritant to the parishioner expressing concern. He suggests announcing ahead of time when incense will be used at mass. In addition, he suggests announcing ahead of time if there will be anything different or out of the ordinary occurring during mass.
- A parishioner of our SJ site expressed dissatisfaction that SJ was clustered with GS and GA to begin with.

Pastoral Administrator's Report

- A. **CMA** – 399 donors, current balance of \$111, 500 +. We are down compared to this time last year.
- B. **Build Committee – Next meeting is 02/19/2020. Summary of happenings since January...**
- 1/13 Architect submitted drawings, etc. to the Diocese.
 - 1/24 Diocese requests a liturgical consultant be brought on board for consultation regarding placement of the tabernacle, statues, and artwork. Note: A consultant will meet with Sr. Sheila on 2/13.
 - 2/04 Asbestos report received.
 - 2/04 Approval from Diocese to begin making construction bids and to fundraise was received. Note that the Diocese recommends that we meet with an outside fund development firm. Sr. Sheila will meet with a member of such a firm on 2/20.
 - Next step: Architect's design and sharing with parishioners.
- C. **Capital Campaign:** 1. Sr. Sheila met with Catherine Fragenburg/ chair of the Finance Council regarding fundraising on 01/13. 2. See above for related info.
- D. **Lent & Activities:** A) Ash Wednesday – the usual three masses will take place. Staff is contemplating offering a 7:15 "word and ash" service. B) Stations of the Cross will be offered each Friday in lent at both 2pm and 7pm. C) Three fish fry suppers and 3 soup suppers will be offered. D) A book study will be offered beginning on March 1st.
- E. **Festival Update:** Will not occur the same as in years past. The usual raffle will take place. A picnic in a park, potluck style (w/ meat provided) is being discussed with a potential date of 06/13. Sr. Sheila solicited input and suggestions from PC: Some PC members liked the idea of the picnic and some suggested having mass offered just before the picnic commences.
- F. **Volunteer Appreciation Night:** Will take place on April 30th at 7:00pm. PC chair Yvonne Kimaid extended an invite to all PC members from Don Neill/ member of the Stewardship committee who requests that PC support and share in this event by helping at the event and/ or by bringing snacks/ goodies to share.

Strategic Planning (SP) Update

Sr Sheila and Yvonne Kimaid have provided each chair/ committee with a minutes template and a strategic plan template to be filled out each time they meet. The minutes and plan template are a tool to help document meetings and guide and track progress. Yvonne Kimaid reports that some committees have already met and that at least one has yet to host their first meeting, that some committees have already begun to work with one another, and that the next meeting between herself, Sr. Sheila, and committees will be in mid-March.

This meeting ended in prayer at approximately 8:42pm

Next Meeting is March 9th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Holly Saad, Secretary