

St. Marianne Cope Parish, Pastoral Council (2018/19)

Members = Chuck Barone, Keith Bock, Justine Capozzi, Ken Hassett, Yvonne Kimaid, Gene Kobos, Jeanne Leonardi, Dana Neumire, Meg Palmer, Holly Saad, Sr. Sheila Stevenson, Joe Valenti.

Administrator = Sr. Sheila Stevenson **Trustees** = Meg Palmer and Phil Daggar Jr.
Facilitator = Yvonne Kimaid **Co-Facilitator** = Ken Hassett **Secretary** = Holly Saad

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11th, 2019

Members Absent: None.

Members Excused: Chuck Barone, Ken Hassett.

Note: New trustee Phil Daggar Jr. attended this meeting - his first in his newly appointed role.

*** Meeting began in prayer at 7:04pm.**

*** The minutes of our last meeting were approved.**

RHYM Report –

Past Events:

- A. Mission of Love Discernment Meeting: 9 RHYM leaders and their parents attended. Team will be determined at the beginning of March as well as where they will go to serve and when.
- B. Souper Bowl of Caring: 60 RHYMithians and 17 adults participated. Focused on the themes of Catholic Social teaching. This year's theme was Noah's Ark . . . ARK for Acts of Random Kindness.
- Projects for Ronald McDonald House, Verona Animal shelter, House of Mercy, Blessed Sacrament Supper Program, New Roc Nursing Home and the Open Door Mission were completed. Rhymithians also collected money to be divided between Food for the Poor and those in need in our community.

Upcoming Events:

Our next Meet for Mass is March 3 @ the 9:45 Mass

Parish Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, March 5 @ 6pm. All ages are invited to come for pancakes, crafts and prayer.

Questions and Input for Pastoral Council from RHYM and RHYM Parent Council (in their words):

1. There has been a lot of talk about the 3:30 Christmas Eve Mass as well as the Masses with the Bishop. Would it be possible to have a couple more Masses each year where there was an interactive homily? Perhaps Father Eloo could do a rehearsed interview with a couple of RHYMithians or we could do reflection video like we used to for World Youth Sunday (*RHYM leaders shared their thoughts on the Sunday readings in a creative way that was video taped*). Maybe we could bring back the Christmas Pageant. Many of us have fond memories of the pageant as it helped us to really know and participate in the Christmas story as children.
2. Sr. RHYM talked about Mass God's purpose for it last night. Some ideas that we had for helping ourselves and others to get more out of Mass are:
3. Community is important for Mass. To help form community we could encourage people come to Mass early and set up a hospitality room where people could have coffee and converse with each other before Mass. The hospitality room would close 10 or 15 minutes before Mass so that people could participate in praise music before Mass and observe the 1 hour no food or drink requirement prior to communion.
4. Also, adding coffee hour after every Mass might encourage more community spirit.
5. Recognizing that we were all created different, it would be good to switch things up a bit for the homily. Some are visual learners, some need to process by doing and action or writing things down, some need to repeat . . . and so on. Using a variety of these things in the homily would help people to learn better.
6. Moving all Masses to one building would help us to feel more like one parish family. Not only would this help with getting more out of Mass, it might also help with our doing social and service things as a parish. It is hard for us to be with our peers and to form community when the Masses are spread out... it is probably the same for other peer groups. Masses in one location would also help with hospitality and would help Sr. Sheila and Fr. Eloo to be able to spend more time enjoying liturgy and talking with parishioners.
7. Use texting/Social Media and YouTube. Give homily challenges to help people live out the Gospel. Have people respond to the homily challenge via photo text or social media to excite and encourage others.

General Parish Announcements/ Concerns – Sr. Sheila

- A. CMA:** We are at 71.2% of our goal with 21.3% of the parish contributing (440 households). Since our last meeting CMA collection envelopes have been made available at church (per this council's suggestion) and a volunteer couple spoke at mass about giving to the CMA and to the church in general.

Sr Sheila sought more ideas on how to increase giving. The following was suggested based upon past practice – send a personal letter to those who have given in the past but have yet to give this year AND make a plea from the pulpit for a set small/ likely achievable amount (*for example...if everyone gave just \$25.00 more...*).

B. Lent:

- A Tri-Parish Retreat is planned for March 31st – April 3rd. The scheduled is as follows: 3/31 at St Christopher (The Passion of Jesus), 04/01 at St. Marianne Cope (The Passion of Mary), 04/02 at St. Martin de Porre (The Passion of the Church), and 04/03 at St. Marianne Cope (Reconciliation Service).
- 3 Soup Suppers and 3 Fish Frys are planned.
- Holy Tridium: All services will take place at our GA location.

C. Task Force:

The Task Force has concluded its study: GA will become our singular worship site. Mid-level renovations will take place to both update the sanctuary and building.

Annual Report – Keith Bock

An initial meeting between the Stewardship Committee and volunteers from Pastoral council was held. A sample report is being worked on based on group suggestions. Report will include information (and photos) regarding our various ministries and general work of the parish. The goal is to create an attractive report which visually and intellectually/ spiritually inspires parishioners in their faith. Agreed upon due by date is September 2019. Next meeting for this group is planned for: 02/25 at 7pm.

Pastoral Council discussed this. It was suggested that the report could become or be included in a welcome packet for new parishioners to give them a snapshot of who we are and what we do.

Strategic Plan – Sr. Sheila

Sr. Sheila met with a professional strategic planner. The planner made the following recommendations - a 3 year plan as opposed to 5 (*note that our Parish's previous plan was for 5 years*), special focus on our mission statement, and input from all (ie Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and the "heads" of our various committees).

Sr Sheila would like to host a meeting with said councils and committees and the strategic planner. Pastoral Council agreed. Goal date for this meeting will be March 30th from 10 – 3:30.

This council then discussed our mission statement (which was adopted when our last strategic plan was implemented) and contemplated the following - is the statement still relevant and is a change needed? Upon further discussion, this council agreed that the statement requires revision.

Homework for Next Meeting:

Research the concept of a mission statement and be prepared to share findings and ideas at our next meeting. We will be re-writing our mission statement at our March Meeting.

Next Meeting –

Monday, March 11th, 2019 at 7pm at GA, room 5.

This meeting ended in prayer at approximately 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Holly Saad, Secretary.

Dates to Remember

April 6/7 and October 5/6: Pastoral Council to be present after all masses to meet with Parishioners.

Reminders

The following was discussed at previous council meetings and may require follow up:

- 1. Photos of pastoral council members.***
 - 2. New PC membership.***
 - 3. An annual meeting between PC and our ministries.***
 - 4. PC members assigned to various ministries so as to stay better connected.***
 - 5. Implementation of RHYM's suggestion to PC: interactive social programs, "teen mass" with contemporary music and short homily, a teaching mass.***
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