

# 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:** January 13, 2020

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Excused:** Rosemary Bouchard, Eugene Kobos, Joe Valenti

**\* Meeting began in prayer at 7:06pm.**

The minutes of the December 2019 PC meeting were approved with the following correction: The CMA balance percentage regarding the number of donors was incorrect. It should read: 8.8% NOT 0.09% as was mistakenly recorded.

### **RHYM Report**

#### ***Old Business –***

- The Living Nativity, presented by RHYM, went well and was well attended – better than in years past.
- RHYM parent council and RHYM leaders report that the Christmas Eve mass was “great” and that it was so nice “to have so many people in attendance”. The following feedback from parishioners was shared with RHYM: homily was enjoyed, nice family friendly atmosphere, good to see kids and teens involved, church was full but did not seem too full.

***Suggestions from RHYM for future Christmas Eve masses: More communion ministers in the parish hall, more seating in the gathering space, more light in the parking lot, better parking spaces for elderly/handicapped parishioners (note: many of such parishioners suggested that they prefer the Children’s Mass).***

- SALT Winter leadership day: Held on 12/30/19. Members gathered to share scripture, reflect, and review and plan for the coming year.
- College gatherings: Recent RHYM graduates (between 12 – 15 persons) have been meeting during college breaks. They are working to form a formal young adult group.
- Mission of Love: Discernment meeting recently took place. 7 Rhymithians attended. RHYM is now in a period of prayer and reflection to form a team.

#### ***New Business –***

- 2020 Hands of Christ recipients will be recognized at the 01/19 masses.
- 01/19 is the Annual Movies 10 outing whereby 8<sup>th</sup> graders are officially welcomed to join Sr. RHYM members for a social event.
- 01/20 Bingo for seniors and retired parishioners will take place.
- 01/21 is a RHYM cares night whereby participants will be shopping for groceries for those in need.
- 02/04 is the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. An evening of service projects, faith building, and fun is planned.

### **Discussion: What are we hearing from parishioners?**

- Handicapped parking is poor.
- Parking lot lighting is poor.
- There is a lot of “congestion” in the GA parking lot during the times between when the 9:45 am mass ends and the 11:30 am mass begins. *Note: The term “congestion” was used to reference what the parking lot looks like during the time in between masses when some parishioners are leaving mass and when some others are coming to mass.*
- Poor baptismal font area (*parishioners report that they cannot see during a Baptism*). We used to use video. Can we do it again?

### **Pastoral Administrator’s Report**

***Reminder: Wear your pastoral council name tag at mass.***

- Build Committee Report** – 3<sup>rd</sup> report sent to the diocese. Once we hear back (in about 2 weeks) Sr. Sheila will request funds (from stable patrimony). Fundraising will be necessary and will be looked at after that.
- CMA** – We are 2/3 of the way there!
- Other: Holy Week schedule** – a proposed/ suggested outline of events and masses for holy week (from the liturgy committee) was shared with PC members. Sr. Sheila sought responses from PC members regarding their suggestions. PC members had mixed responses. Some were ok with the suggestions and others suggested that eliminating the usual 8am mass at SJ on Easter Sunday was too soon and would not be welcomed by parishioners at this time. PC members discussed the matter more fully and suggested the following Mass schedule for Easter Sunday: 7:15am at SJ, 9:30 at GA, and 11:45 at GA. Note that all other suggestions for events and mass times presented by the liturgy committee were accepted without change by the PC.

### **January 25/ 26 PC Members at Mass**

Pastoral Council is scheduled to be present at all masses this weekend and afterwards to entertain any questions or concerns from parishioners. The following schedule was discussed and accepted by those present –

01/25 (4:30) Mass: Gene, Dana, Meg, Yvonne, and Glen will be present.

01/26 (8:00) Mass: Keith will be present.

01/26 (9:45) Mass: Holly will be present (Phil will be present if other conflicts are resolved by then).

01/26 (11:30) Mass: Chuck and Joe will be present.

### **Strategic Planning (SP) Update**

- Chairs (ie heads of each committee) have been established. Note that this will be a 3-year commitment.
- The roles and responsibilities of each committee have been given to chairs and members.
- Summary of responsibilities/ expectations: Chairs have been asked to make a 3-year commitment. Each SP committee will document work done and meet with and work with each other as needed. Committees will update PC each month prior to the PC monthly meeting. Sr. Sheila and Yvonne Kimaid (as the chair of PC) will meet with each group quarterly. Goal: To be fully established and operational by June of 2020.

**This meeting ended in prayer at approximately 8:53pm**

**Next Meeting is February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted by Holly Saad, Secretary**