

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: March 9, 2020

Members Absent: Glen Zicarelli

Members Excused: Joe Valenti

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

The minutes of the February 2020 Pastoral Council (PC) meeting were approved.

RHYM Report – Sr. Sheila via written report

There were No RHYM attendees at this meeting.

Old Business –

- **Mardi Gras Celebration/ Pancake Supper:** 110 attended. A good mix of all ages. Participants joined in on crafts before dinner. “During the prayer service we buried the Alleluia”. RHYM has received positive feedback about this event.
- **Summer Mission of Love:** 7 Rhymithians are interested. There are some new cost factors and concerns regarding the Coronavirus. Gina and the team are looking into mission opportunities closer to home. More information to come.

New Business –

- **March 13th** – Jr. RHYM Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross will take place.
- **Easter Candy Sale** – Taking orders March 21/22 after all masses. Order pick up and selling candy will occur on the weekend of April 4/5.
- April 5th – Living Stations of the Cross at 7pm, sponsored by Sr. RHYM

Discussion: What are we hearing from parishioners?

Guest attendee – Bill Meister, parishioner.

- Bill expressed the following concerns and opinions related to our St. Joseph’s site – St. Joe’s is “not fully merged”, there is a “decline in attendance, funds, and youth”, our parishioners who attend St. Joe’s fear that the site will be closing, the “8am mass is too early for folks up here to come”, there is “lots of spirit in the church”, would like to see “more integration”. Bill also related how well the chicken BBQ, which St. Joe’s first began around 45 years ago, was. He stated that people in the community came and that it brought in “good money”. Bill shared some photos of parishioners and life at St. Joe’s as well. When Bill was done, he thanked PC for listening and reiterated his support of the parish at large.
- When Bill left PC members digested and discussed Bill’s concerns. Overall, most agreed that it now appears many in our parish do feel somewhat of a disconnect between our St. Joe’s site and our GA site. Sr. Sheila questioned “How do we continue to build community”? Further discussion of this question and Bill’s concerns will take place at our next meeting.

Pastoral Administrator's Report

- A. **CMA** – 329 donors. Current balance of \$116, 526. This is about 72% of the way to our goal with about 20% parishioner participation thus far.
- B. **Build Committee** – March 22/23 Town Hall meetings planned to update parishioners.
- C. **Capital Campaign:** Sr. Sheila has been in contact with a diocesan approved fund development firm representative. The rep collected initial information. She will speak with the rep again soon. Rep will then give some suggestions as well as an idea of an estimated amount the firm thinks our parish is likely to be able to raise.
- D. **Festival Update:** A picnic in a park, as opposed to the traditional festival, has been set for 06/13 at Martin Road Park. Raffles will take place. Sr. Sheila needs to get approval from the Bishop to have Mass at the park.
- E. **Volunteer Appreciation Night:** Will take place on April 30th at 7:00pm. Reminder: PC members have been invited to help at the event and/or to bring snacks/ baked goods to share.
- F. **Bankruptcy Update:** The bar date/ final date to make claims has been set for 08/13/2020. Notices of this will be forthcoming per usual protocol in such circumstances.

Strategic Planning (SP) Update

- **Individual task force committees continue to meet. The next meeting between Sr. Sheila, Yvonne Kimaid, and the committees will be Mid-March.**
- **On 02/18/2020 the Financial Stability task force met. PC members Gene Kobos and Keith Bock are members of this committee and presented an overview of that meeting.**

Summary: *Parishioner attendance and weekly giving has decreased. Committee members have identified potential reasons for the decrease: a possible lack of the sense of “pride and ownership” in our community and possible feelings of “abandonment” regarding our St. Joe’s site due to current emphasis on the renovation of our GA site. **Suggested actions to help combat this** – improved website, create a newsletter to showcase renovations as they take place, develop a brochure to “tell our story”, reach out to parishioners via social media, eliminate the designation of GA and SJ in all communications (ie only use SMC), allocate funds to refresh the Rush campus, improve similar liturgical practices in both the Henrietta and Rush site campuses.*

This meeting ended in prayer at approximately 9:10 pm

Next Meeting is April 13th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Holly Saad, Secretary