

St. Margaret Mary Parish Council

Minutes: September 6, 2011

Members present: Mary Jo Gerlach, Pat Boeckeler, Kathryn Gaspard, Susan Mickelson, Steve Gastreich, Holly Machi, Father Vince Kobida, Tom Pechacek

Excused: Jan Kitazaki

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with prayer and Question of the Week.

Minutes of June 7, 2011 were approved

Council roster and committee assignments:

- Mary Jo asked for verification of current addresses, etc. and will compile and email to all.
- Committee assignments and liaisons for 2011-2012 are: Mary Jo, LLFF Core team; Sue and Pat, Spiritual Life and Worship; Steve, liaison for LLFF; Tom to report from FASC and Holly will check on school committee advisory board.
- Mary Jo will send prayer and snack schedule each month. For October: prayer by Pat and snacks by Mary Jo.
- Training for parish council members at Cousin Center on Sept.24 , 9:30 – 10:30 am. Email Mary Jo if going.

Council retreat follow-up:

Steve thanked Fr. Vince for the presentation and handout.

Plans for the coming year:

Focus for the year is on building community and was initiated at the retreat. Members are asked to review previous notes on the subject for next meeting. This focus could be part of LLFF and may depend on collaboration with Blessed Savior.

Pastor's report:

- Father Vince provided handouts on the Revised Roman Missal and websites where more information can be found. A short account of the changes will be in the bulletin each week and handouts available in the back of church for those interested. Pertinent websites with information are USCCB.org and LTP.org.
- A "Spiritual Life and Worship Update" was provided regarding the recent cleaning of the church floors, updating of the audio system and future consultation with a design specialist regarding options for pew changes to provide a better sense of community.
- Craig Bodoh was appointed Director of Liturgical Music and is only available to play at the 5 pm Mass. He will do liturgical planning and music selection with Fr. Vince and cantor rehearsals. Neal will continue to play on Sundays at 9 and 11 am.

- Cathy Smith was hired as Lifelong Faith Formation Director and will start on Sept. 1, 2011.

Pastoral Planning status:

Pat reported that the Spiritual Life and Worship committee did not meet during the summer. She expressed concerns about the purpose of the committee and the implementation of the liturgy survey results. New members seem enthusiastic about planning for the revised missal changes.

Other Business:

Tom reminded the members that we did not pass the budget for 2011-2012 and that a letter was sent to Archbishop ListECKI requesting assistance in forming a collaboration with Mother of Good Council in matters relating to the school needs particularly. There will be a meeting in the next week to set parameters on collaboration. Tom will find out what needs to be done now to approve the budget.

Announcements:

- Parish Council installation will take place at the 9 am Mass on Sunday, September 25.
- Dates for the council meetings in April and May 2012 will be changed to avoid Holy Week and the priests retreat.

Adjournment: 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn J. Gaspard