

St Margaret Mary Parish Council

Minutes: March 1, 2011

Members Present: Jan Kitazaki, Mary Jo Gerlach, Kathryn Gaspard, Susan Mickelson, Pat Boeckeler, Steve Gastreich, Holly Machi, Fr. Vince Kobida, Tom Pechacek, Dan Hohl

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm. and minutes of January 4, 2011 were approved.

The Question of the Week and faith sharing followed.

Holly Machi was introduced and welcomed as a new member of the Council.

Pastor's Report:

- The director of Liturgy and Music position is advertised on the Archdiocese website, The Catholic Herald and with the Association of Liturgical Musicians. The beginning date for starting is early May. Several resumes have been submitted and an interviewing committee is in place. Plans for substitute musicians are being finalized.
- Fr. Vince's sabbatical plans working with Cardinal Stritch University faculty include understanding and using technology, community organizing and preparing lay leaders. He plans to be involved from March 21 through the end of June and will do weekend Masses but find replacements for some weekday Masses, funerals and hospital visits.

Pastoral Planning:

- Parish Forum: The Pastoral Planning Team and the Spiritual Life and Worship Committee met on Feb. 28 to begin planning a forum. The purpose will be to present the results of the Liturgy Survey and gather additional input from parishioners. Presenters and facilitators will use the survey to focus on several questions for discussion. The date is Sunday, May 1, 2011 in Father Sampon Hall and will last about 1 ½ hours.
- Community Building: This is the next focus for the Parish Council as the Spiritual Life and Worship Committee takes over liturgy concerns.

Other Business:

- Parish Council nominations: Mary Jo will determine a weekend to elicit nominations. Bulletin inserts will inform parishioners in advance of the nominations.
- Volunteer appreciation event: Holly Machi will coordinate the event with help from Mary Jo and Jan. It likely will not be scheduled until June.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn J. Gaspard

