

## St. Margaret Mary Parish Council

**Minutes:** December 6, 2011

**Members present:** Mary Jo Gerlach, Pat Boeckeler, Kathryn Gaspard, Steven Gastreich, Holly Machi, Father Vince Kobida, Jan Kitazaki, Tom Pechacek     **Excused:** Susan Mickelson

**Guest:** Walt Stumpf

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

**Minutes of November 1, 2011** were approved with one change in the last sentence to read “The parish Council and staff met at the request of the Archdiocese to respond to questions regarding Fr. Vince’s request for renewal as pastor. The meeting took place at a separate time rather than at the regular council meeting.”

**Guest presentation:** Walt Stumpf spoke of the new website he is developing through a contract with a new producer, Liturgical Publications Inc. It is very user friendly, will allow many to post information and will cost less than the current contract. He expects it to be ready by the end of the year. He asked that we view it and make recommendations for any additions or changes to menus. The link is [www.stmmp.weconnect.com](http://www.stmmp.weconnect.com).

### **Parish Council Focus:**

#### **Liturgy and Forum Follow-up:**

- Pat spoke of some of the discussion at the December 5 Spiritual Life and Worship meeting. Members have started formation on the liturgy and results of their discussion will be communicated. They talked of the One-on - One technique and how to encourage people to talk in church and get to know one another. Extending the sign of peace to others beyond your pew and blocking off pews on the side may be ways to encourage interaction. Three young people from the confirmation class are being trained to become lectors.
- There was much discussion regarding the position of director of liturgical music. It was noted that the director was not going to be available for some Masses, has had no contact with the cantors, didn’t know of the liturgy survey and forum results and appears to have little direction or support. Music is a form of worship and it seems that there is no enthusiasm or active participation. It was suggested that the director needs to be at the liturgy regularly to encourage the community in its worship.

### **Collaboration with Blessed Savior:**

The Thanksgiving events were well received and attended. Advent Vespers will take place on December 14 at 6:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary. The January speaker series is being planned.

**Pastor’s Report:** Discussed prior in liturgy follow-up.

**Other Business:**

- District 12 update: Mark Kemmeter has been speaking at all district meetings regarding changes in committees in 2012. Two groups will be formed in each parish; the Pastoral Council (present Parish Council) and the Stewardship committee. The latter will have 5-7 members; the pastor, two appointees with experience, two from the Pastoral Council and an optional Trustee. It would replace our present FASC with the exception of Dave Dooley. The budget would still go to the Pastoral Council for approval.
- In 2012 the Archbishop will kick off an evangelization summit requesting activities, initiatives and evaluations of on-going evangelization efforts in the districts. Each parish will send a representative to the summit on May 5, 2012.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn J. Gaspard