

St. Margaret Mary Parish Council

Minutes: October 4, 2011

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

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with prayer and Question of the Week with faith sharing took place.

Minutes of September 6, 2011 were approved with the suggested rephrasing that Craig Bodoh would "only be available to play at the 5 pm Mass".

Council Members:

- Everyone's Parish Council Manual was updated with specific pages replacing outdated ones.
- A review of contents, resources and definition of roles of members took place.
- Current constitution and by-laws will be provided for inclusion in the manuals.

Plans for the year:

- Collaboration with Blessed Savior: Mass will take place at Blessed Savior on the night before Thanksgiving and at St. Margaret Mary at 8 am on Thanksgiving Day. Inserts will appear in the bulletins about these times. Both parishes will collaborate on an adult speaker series. Vespers will take place in Advent with Cathy Smith and the Pastoral Associate coordinating. A parish reconciliation service is planned for Nov.29 at 6:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary. A parish mission is in the planning stages for late 2012 or 2013.
- Focus on building community: Before work on building community takes place the question was posed; "Has the focus on liturgy been completed?" This generated discussion on the role of the Spiritual Life and Worship committee in completing the changes in the liturgy. There was concern that there are too few members on the committee and potential new members were invited but declined. It was suggested that the SLW committee provide regular reports to the Council. There was clarification that Fr. Vince will promote the new missal changes at the altar and in the bulletin and will direct the liturgy while Craig Bodoh will direct the music. Results of the Liturgy Forum suggested that people want to be formed in the liturgy and want an inspired and energetic liturgy. Tom suggested that we have a Ministry Sunday where people would identify others for certain ministries and invite them to be active in the community.

Pastor's Report: None

Other Business: Tom asked if we need a formal committee to continue the collaboration efforts with Blessed Savior. The question will be raised at the next meeting of people involved in collaboration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted: Kathryn J. Gaspard

