

St. Margaret Mary Parish

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:34 PM in the Parish Center.

Members present:

Paul Estante

Chair Person: Carlo Mascari

Vice Chair Person: Martha Perez

Secretary: Steven Gastreich

TRUSTEE SECRETARY: Cheryl Vosswinkel

Trustee Treasurer: Timothy Gensler

Kurt Bardele

Krystal Burke

Diane Detampel

Natascha Nill

Jerry Nance

Excused:

Pastor: Fr. Mark Payne

Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Assisi

Guests:

Deacon Tony Dompke

Brother Joe Pense

Simon Biagui

The September 3rd minutes were approved with corrections. Presentations

Simon Biagui introduced himself and spoke of his ministry. His ministry covers all five parishes and will be divided up into two programs. The first program is families with children. The second program is for adults. He is also willing and interested to lend his services to any of the commissions or committees of the parish. He is looking forward to hearing everyone's faith stories.

Brother Joe Pense introduced himself and spoke of his ministry. He does pastoral visits for all five parishes. He journeys with those who are sick, dying, shut in or anyone who needs a listening ear. We should reach out if we know anyone who could use his services.

Commission reports

Finance Council

Cheryl and Tim will be presenting the financial statements to the Parish after the weekend masses on October 18th and 19th. The following weekend, Tim will lead a QA after the masses from parishioners.

Stewardship

Kurt and Krystal will be Co Liaisons of the Stewardship Committee, since they both have interest in this area. Kurt will be the main liaison.

Human Concerns

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New business

Weekend mass attendance totals are down since the schedule change and the elimination of the 7:00 PM Mass. There is an approximate decrease in attendance from 400 people to 300 people. It should be noted that counts for both masses have increased, with many of the former 9:00 Mass attendees going to the 2 remaining masses. To accommodate the larger attendance, there is now 3 bread and 2 wine stations. There is a need for a second Safeguarded adult for Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is currently held in the Eucharistic Chapel, but in order to move this downstairs where there would be more room, a second adult who has completed the Safeguard Training needs to be present.

The Pastoral Councils of St. Margaret Mary and Blessed Savior will meet on October 28th at Blessed Savior to discuss collaboration. Carlo will reach out to Blessed Savior to see if an agenda can be distributed before the meeting.

Paul showed the group a calendar where he is marking off what has been completed from our strategic plan. There have been several successes like improvements to the web site and the addition of the Sacred Heart Devotion. One of the main areas for growth is to get more volunteers

involved in the various parish ministries. It was suggested that representatives from different ministries speak at the weekend masses to explain what they do and where help is needed. The ministries with the greatest need like Children's Liturgy of the Word should be invited to present first. This will have to go to Fr. Mark for approval.

Fr. Mark has mentioned the possibility of creating a similar strategic plan with Blessed Savior to illustrate how the 2 parishes plan to collaborate. This is separate from St. Margaret Mary's Strategic Plan.

Next, an idea was proposed to name the gym floor after Nancy Bonesho. She spent much time on the basketball court and this would be a great way to keep her memory alive. Perhaps a plaque could be created and mounted on the wall to show this. This would also need Fr. Mark's approval.

Cheryl reminded everyone that October 16th is St. Margaret Mary's Feast Day. If anyone has ideas on how to celebrate this feast, they should let her know. Tony added that Fr. Mark will be saying mass at St. Margaret Mary that day.

Cheryl said that she needs the Technology Committee to see what can be done to improve the audio and video set up in Sampon Hall to eliminate technical difficulties. This is important when considering future events like Soup and Substance.

Kurt asked if minutes from all commissions as well as the Pastoral Council Minutes could be sent earlier in the month. This would give everyone time to look them over and discuss them before the meeting. This was agreeable.

Cheryl informed everyone that there is asbestos in the gym basement that is being removed.

Discussions on parish security is continuing. Fr. Mark can get us connected with the resources at the archdiocese. Meanwhile, Cheryl has a copy of an old security plan that she can share with everyone. Volunteers are doing a great job monitoring the area during masses.

Tony reported that Fr. Mark will be saying mass at St. Margaret Mary on Sunday, October 19th. It was decided that this will be the Installation Mass for the Pastoral Council.

Cheryl expressed concern that there has been a low attendance at Eucharistic Adoration. Martha said that groups of people need to come together and strengthen the spiritual life of the parish through adoration. Ideas to generate more attendance like time changes will be discussed at the next Liturgy Commission Meeting.

Next meeting

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Gastreich

Secretary