

St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, June 10, 2021

Elected Members in Attendance: Kevin Sims, Denise Blum, Donna Bodkin, Bill Keuper, Margie King, Sharon Lech

Elected Members Not Present: Ed Cefalu, Kelly Hartwig

Ex Officio Members in Attendance: Fr. Gardner, Jenni Petrey

Ex Officio Not Present: Wilma McGlasson **Recording Secretary:** Janice Stentz

May minutes: Approved

Fr. Gardner's Report

In the Parish

- With the lifting of the health orders by the State of Ohio on June 2, Archbishop Schnurr, along with the other Bishops of Ohio, reinstated the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the other Holy Days of Obligation effective as of June 6. Those who have not been fully vaccinated have been given the guidance to continue to wear facial masks when inside. The parish will continue to provide face masks and hand sanitizer for the foreseeable future.
- Since the last PC meeting there has been one funeral liturgy at St. Margaret Mary Church for Mary Vollner.
- The celebration of the Easter Season has concluded with the resumption of Ordinary Time on May 24. The Sundays following Pentecost held the celebration of the Solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity and the Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
- A second collection for St.MM's St. Vincent de Paul Conference was taken on the weekend of May 30. Bundle Sunday also took place the weekend of June 5/6 with the Society's truck on parish property.
- Mr. Damien Cabot from Lay Mission Helpers will speak at all of the pastoral region's scheduled Masses on the weekend of July 10/11. He will stay at St. MM's rectory from Friday through Sunday.

In the Archdiocese

- CMA 2021 current status: The parish's goal for the 2021 appeal is \$12,646.00. As of May 28 there have been 95 responses out of 394 households who received the appeal in the mail, pledging a combined \$10,930.00 with \$10,062.00 received. This is 86% of our parish goal, and 24% participation.
- Fr. Jerry attended the recent June 4 Beacons of Light meeting for pastors and parochial vicars in the Archdiocese as well as other priests of the Archdiocese. A presentation was given by PartnersEdge on the current reality in the Archdiocese, based on the data gathered from parishes in Fall of 2020. There will be a similar presentation to Catholic school principals on June 22 and then the information will be made public.
- Everyone who is able is encouraged to register to receive the Beacons of Light electronic newsletter at catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light.
- Each priest was presented with two commemorative books in recognition of the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese. *Seek the Lord* is an illustrative history of the Archdiocese, and *Treasures of the Archdiocese* is a pictorial presentation of many churches, sites and other significant places in the Archdiocese, although it is acknowledged that not all churches are included. Neither parish church from our pastoral region is included. It is expected that pastors/business managers will provide a process for parishioners to be able to view and to order these items. This process will be explained in the next week or so.

In the Pastoral Region

Assumption Parish is presently holding their 2021 Summer Split-the-Pot with the drawing scheduled on July 11, 2021. A similar effort is being planned for St.MM Parish for late summer.

O.L.G. School

- Fr. Jerry presided at the school liturgy on May 18, and was present at the concluding liturgy at St. Ann Church on May 25 for the celebration of the eighth grade's graduation and presentation of their progress to high school certificates and the four covenant parish awards. The eighth graders were able to have two guests present with them for the liturgy. May 25 was also the last day of school for the other grade levels.
- A meeting of the business managers of the covenant parishes and OLG school's business manager Mr. Mike Desmier has taken place since the last PC meeting to further the review and development of the school lease beyond the 2021-22 school year. Prior to the meeting, St. Ann Parish identified for Mr. Desmier the non-negotiable facets of the lease and also brought changes to the lease version presented in October 2020. The changes reflected an increase to the cost of the rent (now identified at \$84,000.00/year with no percentage increase from the prior stated \$60,000/year and successive years at 5% increase); and the length of the lease (now stated as lasting three years beyond 2021-22 school year and not to be renewed). At the meeting, in light of these changes, Mr. Desmier presented the true cost for the school, and the impact this would have on tuition and the covenant parishes. At this point this is an ongoing development.

Faith Formation Director's Report – provided by Wilma

NOTE: *Unless otherwise stated, questions or requests for additional information for any of the Faith Formation activities mentioned below should be directed to the parish Faith Formation Director, Wilma McGlasson at wmcglasson@fuse.net or the parish office, 521-7387.*

C.L.O.W. and PREP: These two programs will be ready to start in September if permitted. A home school option will be available for Sacrament preparation and PREP as needed while working through the pandemic. Forms will be available for families to complete and submit in July.

Adult Faith Formation: Able to offer Zoom, small groups and eventually some past programs as permitted based on the pandemic. This also may be the time to put more effort into forming alternative outreach groups to support our homebound, food collection programs and agencies who can use help and contributions for their ministries, etc.

Dynamic Catholic Book Club: The group is anxious to begin monthly meetings in September or sooner if the pandemic is in check.

Father's Day Recognition: Fathers will be recognized with a special gift on the weekend of June 19/20.

Other Plans: Wilma has been spending a lot of time with her Faith Formation peers over the phone, many Zoom calls and some small group meetings in regard to plans for our parishes as we continue to work with various restrictions into the summer and possibly the fall.

Communications Commission (CC): Janice reported

There has been no meeting since the last PC meeting. Diocesan is still not printing to full capacity so resumption of the parish newsletter continues to be on hold. Nothing else in the works for Communications at this time.

Finance: Jenni provided report

- The parish financial report thru May 31 was presented to Council. There is a budget deficit of about \$2400 and Fr. Jerry reminded that the parish is operating on an already scaled back budget for the year so even a little shortage has a big effect.
- There is a special Finance meeting on June 24 to work on the budget for the next fiscal year. They will be looking to identify areas where cuts can be made in order to minimize a sizeable deficit.
- Jenni reported there are currently eight students from St. MM parish confirmed for enrollment at OLG for 2021-22.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- Currently getting bids for several plumbing projects.
- There is a leak in the rectory roof at the chimney that will be repaired at a cost of \$3600.

St. MM Parish Service Organization: Denise reported

- Two scholarships were awarded to Nick Zeek and Kayleigh McClain on Sun., May 23 at the reception for graduates that took place after the 10 a.m. Mass.
- There are currently no plans to resume assisting at the Mt. Health Christian Village bingo due to continued social distancing and limited exposure for their residents. It is not clear if the program will restart at a later date.

Ongoing business – 100th Anniversary planning: Janice reported

The first meeting since all plans were postponed last year due to Covid took place on May 18. It was generally a regrouping meeting, discussing which of the original plans can still realistically take place during this year. The basic framework was established for a main event to include food to take place on Saturday, October 16 which happens to be the feast of Saint Margaret Mary this year and some type of outdoor gathering during the late summer months. The opening of the Heritage Room will be factored in during that time period as well. Details for all will be announced once they are worked out.

Parish Bingo program: Denise reported

Denise recently conducted a survey of all bingo volunteers which has concluded that bingo would not be sustainable at this time if the program were to be restarted. Many critical tasks are not covered by volunteers due to a reluctance to return at this time as well as the usual difficulty of attracting volunteers under normal circumstances. A large number of instants have been opened and are non-returnable so a plan is needed for what to do with them. Several ideas were suggested and discussed but no final decisions were made. It was decided that it is necessary to call a meeting of the bingo board members and other interested parties to discuss the future and make some decisions, especially in light of the annual budget currently being worked on. Not having bingo means a loss of \$100,000.00/year for the parish budget. A meeting date and time will be announced.

New business – Sizzlin' Summer Mega Split-the-Pot

Jenni reported that the tickets are being printed and will be mailed to parish households next week. The drawing will take place at a parish gathering to be organized for Sunday, August 29, 2021. More details for the event will be announced as plans are set.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thur., August 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Have a safe summer break!

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz