

Saints Mary and Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Present:

Fr. Vincent Onunkwo, Deacon Jay Cormier, Maryanne Murach, Therese Vallario, Lorraine Thompson, Kristen Klecan, Carol Miller, Bettie Reddy, Jay Cappello, Steve Barretto, and Kim Dexter

Not Present:

Shawn McDonough, Ken Tarara

Call to order: 7:00pm

Opening Prayer: Steve Barretto

Updates/Reports

Staff Update: Maryanne Murach

- Sue Frazier and Steve have been working on promoting electronic giving. Sue created a card with information on electronic giving that will be handed out during the Christmas masses.
- Staff has been working on safety for both churches. The fire department came in to inspect both buildings and provided feedback on where there could be improvements. Parish staff will be creating a card with emergency information to put in pews to inform parishioners prior to any emergency event. Deacon Jay also pointed out that basic cleaning supplies need to be shown to volunteers in case of emergency clean ups, like vomit.
- There is also a concern that events are being planned for the same days/times. It was recommended that we look into scheduling and decrease conflict.

Finance Council: Steve

- The chair lift at St. Joe's is fully complete and usable.
- The emergency exit doors at MQP are in the process of being fixed. The original doors are wood residential doors and not fire doors. A parishioner is donating money towards the cost, but we need to hire someone to install the doors. Lorraine is going to reach out to a friend who is a builder to see if he can help with the installation. Jay will also reach out to a friend for a plan b, but otherwise we will have to hire someone.
- There was a leak in one skylight at MQP that has been fixed.
- Gutters were installed at St. Joe's to prevent water from leaking in through the windows.
- A parishioner has donated money to put down loam and seed at MQP for the walkway near the offices.
- Knights of Columbus have donated over \$50,000 towards our parish for needs and projects, which the parish is very grateful for their contribution.
- In promoting electronic giving, the finance council is using inserts in the bulletin, bulletin announcements, flyers at the back of the churches, pew cards, and social media.

(Steve's Finance Council Report continued)

- It was requested that PC members attend each of the Christmas masses to help distribute cards on electronic giving.

St. Joseph	Mary Queen of Peace
4:00pm - 4:15pm - Steve & Jay (arrive by 3:45) Midnight - 11:00am - Kim & Jay (arrive by 10:30)	4:00pm - Therese (arrive by 3:00) 9:30am - Lorraine (arrive by 9:00)

Social Committee: Therese

- December 20th is the next game night! Anyone interested in playing some games are welcome to join. Bring your own or join a table to play 45's.
- There might be a family game night planned for after the new year.
- Steve will post an announcement on the website about the upcoming game night.

New Business

Open: PC members

- Jay expressed concern for a sump pump cover at MQP; it is not secure and anyone can lift it up such as a child, which can potentially cause harm. Father Vincent will look into this issue.
- Jay asked if envelopes would still be sent to parishioners who sign up for electronic giving. Father Vincent said that after February, parishioners using electronic giving will only receive envelopes for the second collections and not the regular weekly envelopes.
- Commissioning: February 1st at the 4:00 mass was tentatively agreed upon since two council members were not present to agree.
- Bettie shared about a parish in MA that took drone pictures of their church and made a video of everything. It was shared with the local bishop who later shared it with the Pope, who loved it.

General Remarks: Fr. Vincent

- The new oil tank for St. Julie hall will be installed on Monday 12/16. The removal of the old tank will occur next year and the cost will need to be considered.
- A new choir director will be hired for MQP 11:00 mass starting January 1st. The applicant also plays the organ, so she will play the organ for the choir at St. Joe's as well.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Vincent

Adjourn: 8:34 PM

Next meeting: January 9, 2020