

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 09.27.2012

Attendees: Jan Siegert, Linda Schmidt, Connie McCabe, Terry Woolf, Gregory Merrick, Fr. Faustino, Jessica Clifton, Dave Swanson, Joseph Hood

Opening Prayer: Fr. Faustino

- I. **Message from the Pastor:** Fr. Faustino discussed his recent encounter with Bishop Morleno. In the past there have been many mistakes in the application of Vatican II. We are looking to correct those mistakes and apply the real spirit of the Vatican II. Fr. Faustino also mentioned the Oath of Fidelity in which any teachers of the CCD Program must sign in order to teach. We were all handed a copy of the Oath to review.

- II. **Approval of Minutes:** 05/24/2012 Approved
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** 08/30/2012 Approved as Amended
- IV. **Loose ends:**
 - a. **Council Members:** We currently have eight members. According to our Diocesan model, we should have nine members. Suggestions for names of additional members should be sent via email to Fr. Faustino
 - b. **Vice Chair:** The new Vice Chair will be Joseph Hood.
 - c. **Executive committee:** Includes the Chair, Pastor, Secretary, and one of the Trustees. The main reason of this committee is to go over the minutes and set up the agenda for the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- V. **Finance (Terry Wolf)**
 - a. We have outstanding invoices of \$17,237.30 with past due invoices as follows: Diocese of Madison--\$34,338.01; Self Insurance for 2012--\$16,805.01; for a total of past due invoices of \$51,143.02. The total of currently due invoices and past due invoices is \$68,380.32. We have a balance in the checking account of \$20,461.23. That brings us to a current deficit of \$47,919.09.
 - a. The finance committee is discussing a request that would increase the musicians' pay from \$100/month to \$200/month.
 - b. Saint Mary CCW has deposited \$5,000.00 in a CD at the First National Bank. The monies are earmarked for Church Hall flooring.

- VI. **Liturgy (Linda Schmidt)**
 - a. Baptismal Font update – Ingersoll will check on a filtration system for the font and we will decide what is best for our needs. Mark Ihm is working on the bottom cabinet.

- b. Fr. Faustino will have pictures for the November meeting of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will be looking into getting a sturdier stand for Mary on the altar.
 - c. Commemoration of the Dead Mass on Saturday, November 3 - 4:00 p.m.
- VII. **Stewardship/Outreach/Fundraising (Dave Swanson)**
- a. The Parish Work Day is scheduled for October 13.
 - b. Giving Appeal is scheduled on November 11 and Time and Talent will be on November 18
 - c. We decided to go to 2 holiday baskets a year, Christmas and Easter.
 - d. This name of this committee is shortened to SOF committee. The purpose of fundraising is to determine the parish's fundraisers for the year so that we are not overlapping our efforts. Some are ongoing and others are seasonal.
- VIII. **Christian Education/Spiritual Life (Linda Schmidt)**
- a. We discussed the Oath of Fidelity again and how the teachers must sign this oath before they can teach CCD.
 - b. There are approximately 80 children in the CCD program and 15 for confirmation classes. Registration slips are still coming in.
- IX. **CCW (Jan Siegert)**
- a. On October 20th the CCW is helping with the Marriage Prep Day. They are in charge of food. Also, they are looking into having a social after the Christmas masses in December.
 - b. The CCW is looking for new Officers.
- X. **Website (Joseph Hood)**
- a. Joseph Hood is working on redesigning our St. Mary website. It will become more of a social website, where we can upload photos, see minutes, etc. He is looking for contributors to write on the website, so that it becomes a forum for Catholicism. It will also be a fundraising site.
- XI. **Old Business (School Property):** There are still some cameras from the security system there.
- XII. **New Business:**
- a. **Constitutional Preamble:** The purpose is to address new challenges in the Church, and to address those challenges in a Catholic way.
 - b. **Constitution Draft:** Gregory walked through the changes made to the draft. We discussed the different committee names. The Social Justice committee is part of the Outreach Committee. Also, St. Augustine's has a representative that comes here from their own Social Justice Committee. Please have this draft reviewed completely before our next meeting.
 - c. **Website Space:** We will now upload minutes/agendas to the website, so that all parishioners can see.

- d. There will be a perpetual line in the Parish Bulletin stating web address and details to get minutes for our meetings.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Faustino

Next Meeting: November 17, 2012 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Clifton