

## **St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 11.29.2012**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Faustino

- **Approval of Minutes:** 09/27/2012 Approved
- **Loose ends:**
  - **Council Member:** According to our Diocesan model, we should have nine members. Fr. Faustino will invite David Klar to join the council.
- **Constitution:**
  - The Constitutional Draft with Preamble was approved pending insertion of a segue.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Finance (Terry Wolf)**
  - Capital Campaign Response Summary: 396 total donors with 315 responses and 81 non-responses. The options given to the donors were to 1. Donate to the Operating Budget--\$215,436.00; 2. Debt Reduction--\$76,795.74; 3. Update the old school--\$35,767.43; 4. Blacktop parking lots--\$2,858.16; 5. Return the money--\$482,415.01.
  - Updating the old school: We are hoping to start this winter. The heating system needs updating, and asbestos tile needs to be removed.
  - Organist Pay: Finance Committee approved to pay \$45 per Mass.
  - The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed budget for year 2012-2013.
- **Liturgy (Linda Schmidt)**
  - Baptismal Font is now complete.
  - The Hispanic community is raising money for a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
  - We will be looking for sturdier stands for Sts. Mary and Joseph on the altar.
  - There was a discussion on having a healing service in the Spring for those who are ill. Details to come.
  - New hymnals will be put out on Monday, November 26th after morning mass.
- **Stewardship/Outreach/Fundraising (Dave Swanson)**
  - Parish Work Day went smoothly; garage improvements were well received.

- Mobile Food Pantry: Linda S. reported over 100 families received food during the months of September and October. Senior citizens make up for over 50% of the food recipients.
  - Thanksgiving Baskets-29 families received food baskets including turkey and the fixings in their meal.
  - Jamaica Mission Trip will have 13 individuals going.
  - There has been 15 coats sent to the cleaners for Coats for Kids.
  - Alone for Christmas Dinner will be held at Lutheran Church of Peace on December 25.
  - The Parish Festival 2012 had 688 dinners served. Net profit totaled \$11,600.
- **Christian Education/Spiritual Life (Linda Schmidt)**
    - Adult Faith Classes: Our Bible Timeline for catechists and parishioners has completed two sessions. We had about 12-15 people in attendance.
    - Eight of our nine second graders celebrated their first reconciliation on November 10th. The remaining child will be celebrating on December 5th.
    - Fr. Faustino is instituting a course of reflection and study on the Sunday scriptures, beginning this upcoming Wednesday at 2 p.m.
    - The Advent Retreat is on December 8th beginning after the 8:00 am Mass.
- **Website (Joseph Hood)**
    - **Website Space:** We will upload minutes/agendas to the website, for all parishioners to see.
    - Our parish website now has a link to a web store where people can buy books/religious articles. St. Mary will profit 12% of sales.
- **Message from the Pastor:**
    - Father Lope enjoyed his stay in Platteville.
    - This coming year it is important that we continue to create a strong Catholic community. We need to create more opportunities to parishioners to learn about the Catholic Faith (eg. through our Seat of Wisdom sessions).

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Faustino

**Next Meeting:** January 24th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Clifton