

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 4.25.2013

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

Opening Prayer: Fr. Faustino

- 1) **Approval of Minutes:** 03/21/2013 Approved

- 2) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Retreat:** Details are still in the works for the Pastoral Council Retreat this September.
 - b) **Parish Elections/Nominations:** Three Council seats, and one Trustee position, are up for election this year. Connie McCabe has offered to serve a second term. Dave Klar, who filled in last term, has offered to serve as well. We thank all those who are willing to serve St. Mary Parish, and encourage those willing to submit their names.

- 3) **Committee Reports:**
 - a) **Finance Report(Terry Woolf)**
 - i. **St. Mary Daycare** will continue to operate in the 2013/2014 year. The parish is conducting interviews for the Daycare Director position. The Finance Committee continues to study various possibilities for continuing and growing the Daycare Program into the future.
 - ii. No new money will go towards the old school renovation. Jerry McCabe will be working on figures for the addition to the north end of the church.
 - b) **Liturgy-No Report**
 - c) **Stewardship/Outreach/Fundraising-No Report**
 - d) **CCW-No Report**
 - e) **Christian Education(Linda Schmidt)**
 - i. The catechist appreciation dinner is scheduled for May 1st.
 - ii. The committee is currently working on new religious education books.
 - iii. First Holy Communion is scheduled for April 27.
 - iv. The committee will be meeting shortly to discuss changes in the overall RE program to assist the students to better appreciate their Catholic faith.
 - f) **Website(Joseph Hood)**
 - i. Mr. Hood, as facilitator to the website, can see how many members are viewing the webpage. The numbers of viewers are increasing.
 - ii. If you would like to submit anything for the website, please contact Joseph Hood.
 - g) **Executive Committee-No Report**

- 4) **New Business:**

- a) A current parishioner attended the meeting to suggest recommendations in improving the St. Mary community. Recommendations included having a moment of silence after Communion and turning off lights in the back of the church.
- b) **ACRE Testing-** Results showed the 5th graders did average to above average on their tests. The 8th grade testing showed that all students need improvement. The Religious Education committee is discussing changes in program to help the students better to appreciate their Catholic faith, that they might come into relationship with Jesus Christ.
- c) **The Feast of Corpus Christi:** will take place on June 2nd. There will be no separate Mass for the Hispanic or Augustine Community. Please invite as many members as you can to come honor the Blessed Sacrament.
- d) **Pastoral Council Summer Schedule:** The last meeting will be held in May. Fr. Faustino graciously offered to host a Pastoral Council dinner in late June.

5) Pastor's Comments:

Fr. Faustino emphasized the importance of attending the Feast of Corpus Christi, and the importance of participation in the procession from St. Mary's to St. Augustine's by which we come together, and by which we demonstrate to the larger community our dedication to our faith.

6) Closing Prayer: Fr. Faustino

7) Next Meeting Date 5/23/2013

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Clifton**