

**Joint Parish Pastoral Council**  
**of**  
**St. Mary's and St. Matthew Faith Community**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Theresa Denney, Brian Gregory, Judy Guminski, Father John Hayes, Deacon John Hoffman, Andy Kubrich, Maggi Masci, Tom Quinn, Ron Richardson, and Richard Towner

**Also Present:** Joan Madigan (Recording Secretary)

**Members Absent:** Mike Capel and Annette Meade

**Opening Prayer:**

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m. with Judy leading the Council in prayer. Fr. John facilitated the meeting.

**Welcoming and Introduction of New Members:**

Fr. John welcomed and introduced the new members to the Joint Parish Pastoral Council.

**Approval of the Minutes of the July 20, 2011 Meeting:**

The minutes of the July 20, 2011 Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting were approved, and these minutes will be posted at the entrance of both churches.

**Tentative Schedule of Meetings (October 2011 through June 2012):**

The Joint PPC Meetings will usually take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The tentative meeting dates and places are as follows:

October 19, 2011 (St. Mary's)	March 21, 2012 (St. Matthew)**
November 16, 2011 (St. Matthew)	April 18, 2012 (St. Mary's)
December 14, 2011 (St. Mary's)*	May 16, 2012 (St. Matthew)
January 18, 2012 (St. Matthew)	June 20, 2012 (Picnic – TBD)
February 15, 2012 (St. Mary's)	

\* Second Wednesday

\*\*After Lenten Service

**Pastor's Report:**

- Report on St. Mary's and St. Matthew Parish Picnic
  - Fr. John reported that the picnic was small, but it was fun. He was disappointed in the number of parishioners attending; however, the weather wasn't great.
- Fr. John indicated that the Joint PPC should set their yearly goals; however, the work to accomplish these goals should be delegated to a committee of parishioners. This would include the Joint Parish Picnic, as well as the 5K Race.
- St. Mary's Garage Sale went extremely well. A profit of \$10,009 was made, which is the most that was ever made on the garage sale.

### Pastor's Report - Continued

- Steve Donohue will be St. Mary's new organist and choir director. He will be starting this Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. In this weekend's "Dear Friends Column" in the Weekly Bulletin, Fr. John thanks Kay C. Gordon for filling in as organist and choir director until someone was hired.
- Joe Bader, a daily mass participant at St. Mary's, is making a donation towards a new sign in front of St. Mary's. The sign will list Sunday and daily mass times.
- Fr. John indicated that he is concerned about the small number of children in the Faith Formation Program at St. Mary's. Pat Rodman has been diligent in contacting families with children. As this program is held right after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, families may be finding it difficult to be ready in time to attend mass and bring their children to the program. Fr. John said that Pat may consider doing a family faith formation, and that she would be fine with changing the day, time, etc.
- Goals for 2011-2012:
  - Implementation of the new Roman Missal
    - ✓ This Friday Fr. John will be taking another course on the new Roman Missal. In November, Fr. John will be on a retreat, and he will take the new Roman Missal with him.
    - ✓ St. Mary's chose their prayer cards for the pews, and three-hundred will be ordered.
    - ✓ Fr. John then explained some of the changes in the Roman Missal, and he will be doing a "Teaching Mass" with the changes during lent.
    - ✓ Use of the new Roman Missal begins on the first Sunday in Advent.
  - Delegation of Activities to Parishioners
    - ✓ Fr. John again stressed that he wants the Joint PPC to be a Council, not a Picnic Committee, etc. He wants parishioners in both parishes to take ownership of activities.

### **Election of a Chairperson:**

Brian Gregory volunteered to be the Chairperson of the Joint PPC. This was approved by the members.

### **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:**

Judy Guminski volunteered to be the Vice-Chairperson of the Joint PPC. This was approved by the members.

### **Update on Goals for 2010-2011:**

- Parish Life
  - Report on 5K Family Run/Walk
    - ✓ The Joint PPC agreed that they wanted to do this again in 2012.
    - ✓ Andy reported that the total profit from this event was \$1,218. Each parish received \$609 towards their Mercy Fund.
      - ❖ Andy gave a brief history of the event for the benefit of the new members. The 5K Family Run/Walk was suggested at a Joint PPC Meeting as a way for our parishes to become more relevant in the lives of our parishioners. The Council members agreed that it was something they wanted to do. (It was a 5K Family Run and a 2 1/2K Family Walk.) You didn't have to belong to either parish to participate. A date (June 11<sup>th</sup>) was picked, as well as a charity (Mercy Fund at both parishes).

### Report on 5K Family Run/Walk - Continued

- ✓ Things that would be changed next year:
  - Appoint a committee to facilitate the 5K Family Run/Walk.
  - Omit on-line registrations – registrations were not received on time. Brian indicated that on-line registrations could be placed on the Faith Community's website.
  - Registration the day of the race – a separate line for runners, walkers, and new registrations. Walkers don't need bibs or to be entered in the timing system.
  - Combine the 5K Family Run/Walk and the Joint Parish Picnic and have a mass outside.
  - Have a contest for the kids to make a design for the race t-shirts.
  - VP Sports may be able to do the advertising, registrations, and timing. Andy will check with them to get a quotation and check on a date.
- ✓ A date to hold the 2012 5K Family Run/Walk will be set at the next meeting.

### **Update on Text Messaging:**

Brian or Joan will send either an e-mail or a text message to Joint PPC members if a message needs to be received in a timely manner.

### **Other Topics:**

Fr. John indicated that pictures of the Joint Pastoral Parish Council Members need to be taken and displayed in both churches, as well as being put on the website.

Andy suggested that monthly or even twice a year have a speaker come to the churches and speak on various topics. Fr. John indicated that this November he wants Joe DeMino to come and speak at both churches about the work he is doing at the orphanage in Kenya. He would also like to get permission from the Diocese to take up a second collection to help out with this work.

### **Closing Prayer:**

The meeting ended at approximately 8:15 p.m. with Judy leading the Council in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan H. Madigan, Secretary