

**Joint Parish Pastoral Council
of
St. Mary's and St. Matthew Faith Community
Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mike Capel, Theresa Denney, Brian Gregory, Father John Hayes, Andy Kubrich, Annette Meade, Tom Quinn, Ron Richardson, and Richard Towner

Also Present: Joan Madigan (Recording Secretary)

Members Absent: Judy Guminski, Deacon John Hoffman, and Maggi Masci

Opening Prayer:

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

Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2011 Meeting:

Annette Meade made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2011 Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. These minutes were approved and will be posted at the entrance of both churches.

Review Follow-Up Items/Action Items:

- Joe DeMino
 - Joe spoke at all weekend masses on November 5th and 6th. Fr. John did not get permission from the Bishop for a second collection; however, there were envelopes in the entrance of the churches for anyone wishing to contribute to Joe's ministry in Kenya.
- Post Survey Discussion
 - As surveys were sent to thirty families and only eight have been returned as yet, Pat Rodman didn't accept the offer for a post survey discussion.
- New Sign for St. Mary's
 - Joe Bader will make the letters for the mass times on the new sign larger. He has enjoyed working on the sign.
- Fr. John's Discussion with Liturgy Committee Regarding Vestments
 - Fr. John will discuss purchasing a matching alb and pall with St. Mary's Liturgy Committee.
- "Dear Friends" Column Regarding Items such as Fidelis
 - This still needs to be done.
- New Roman Missal
 - Fr. John made several comments regarding the new Roman Missal, and, he indicated that all possible preparations have been made for its use
 - This Sunday, November 20th, the closing prayer will be a decommissioning prayer for the present Roman Missal.
- Feedback on Meetings
 - Format of meetings is working.
- Calendar Updates via e-mail and Feedback
 - Brian to work on this.
- Fun Run/Parish Picnic
 - Brian and Andy did not get together.
- Sticky Notes
 - Brian talked with Alice, and this would be too labor intensive.

Review Follow-Up Items/Action Items - Continued

- “Did You Know” snippets
 - Brian and Alice will work together on this.
- Parish Council Pictures
 - Kathy Towner (Rick’s wife) took pictures of all the Joint PPC members who were at the meeting.
- Interviewing and Resume Writing Seminar
 - Brian and Curtis Hill will meet for lunch to discuss resume writing. Resume writing will be approached in two tier levels – white collar and general resume writing.

Pastor’s Report:

- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in Livonia on November 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the newly renovated Town Hall.
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in Honeoye at Allens Hill Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving eve, November 23rd.
- Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Mary’s Church at 10:00 a.m. at which there will be a Blessing Table.
- Decorating for advent will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 22nd at St. Matthew, and after Mass on Sunday, November 20th, at St. Mary’s.
- Teaching Mass during lent sponsored by the Unity Council.
- Fr. John reported that St. Matthew received a check from Father Schifferli’s Estate for a very generous amount.
- Fr. John has been writing new Roman Missal questions in his “Dear Friends” column the last several months. These questions will end with the Sunday, November 20th, Weekly Bulletin. He asked Joint PPC members to let him know if they hear any talk about the changes.
- Fr. John reported that 514 tickets were purchased for the Roast Beef Dinner, and that the food was delicious. He wanted to thank everyone involved in putting on the dinner. The Youth Group worked on clean-up. Some left over food was taken to the Bethany House.
- Fr. John blessed the kids before they left on the NCYC trip.
- On Saturday, December 3rd, the Dady Brothers will be at St. Matthew, and the drawing for the afghan will take place.

2011-2012 Goals Discussion:

The goals agreed upon for this year are the 5K Fun Run/Parish Picnic, Resource Directory, and Job Skill Development.

5K Fun Run/Parish Picnic:

- Andy will take the lead on the 5K Fun Run portion of this goal.
- Fr. John will ask Ken McNeil if he would be willing to take the lead on the Parish Picnic portion of this goal.
- Andy will set up a committee outside the Joint PPC to organize the 5K Fun Run.
- Andy will write up an announcement to be made from the pulpit soliciting volunteers for this committee, as well as being included in the Weekly Bulletin and on the website.
- As it doesn’t take as long to plan the Parish Picnic, volunteers will be solicited at a later date.

Resource Directory:

- Theresa will take the lead on this goal.
- Fr. John will work with her by putting an article in the “Dear Friends” column regarding Fidelis and explaining that it is a perfect example of a resource. This could also be put in the Weekly Bulletin and on the website.

Job Skills Development:

- Brian will take the lead on the Job Skills Development goal.
- He will schedule a lunch with Curtis Hill.
- Some of the same information could be added to the Resource Directory.

Brian then asked that the lead people of the goals give an update at the next meeting.

December Meeting (Ho Ho Ho):

The December meeting of the Joint Parish Pastoral Council will be held at Fr. John’s home at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14. Everyone to bring an hors d'oeuvre. Fr. John will send out directions to his home.

Round Table:

Brian asked if anyone had any ideas, thoughts, or concerns. He then asked Rick to thank his wife for taking the pictures of Council members.

Annette had the following ideas:

- Put on a free community meal at Thanksgiving time for those people who do not have any family or funds for food to celebrate the holiday.
 - Annette will take the lead on this.
 - Possibly do this for next Thanksgiving.
- Reach out to connect with people in a different country.
 - It was suggested that support be given to Joe DiMeno’s Kenya ministry.
 - Fr. John will talk to Joe regarding how to proceed with this.
 - Brian will talk to people from his former parish, Holy Family in Dansville, for lessons learned from their Kenya ministry.
 - Annette suggested that our churches may be able to provide an outlet for selling items that kids in another country are making.

Mike indicated that he would help Annette with the Thanksgiving meal; however, he couldn’t help on Thanksgiving Day. He also indicated that possibly Project, Int. could funnel some money to support the Kenya ministry.

Ron had a Democrat and Chronicle article titled “Most Catholics are not Religious.” He shared this with the Council. He also mentioned how the new Roman Missal changes are being blown out of proportion in the news.

Fr. John indicated that we have thirteen seminaries in the Diocese of Rochester, and that Mike Costik, a St. Matthew parishioner, was interviewed and did a great job.

Closing Prayer:

The meeting ended at approximately 8:00 p.m. with the Joint PPC members saying The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan H. Madigan, Secretary