

MAY 2023 MINUTES

St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting that took place on Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Elected members in attendance: Donna Bodkin, Kevin Sims, Denise Blum, Kelly Hartwig, Bill Keuper and Karen Litteral

Guests: Bill Campbell (Finance Commission representative)

Elected members not present: Margie King

Ex officio members in attendance: Fr. Jim Wedig, Jenni Petrey

Recording secretary: Janice Stentz

Opening prayer

March minutes: Approved (there was no meeting in April)

Parish Business

- There have been four funeral liturgies since the last PC meeting for Dorothy Cox, Linda Bucalo, Barbara Mathauer and Ann Bryson.

- Wilma McGlasson has submitted her resignation and is retiring as the parish Faith Formation Director effective on April 28.

Any questions should be directed to Jenni in the parish office. Council members recommended a celebration for Wilma with a retirement reception after the 10 a.m. Mass. The date of May 21 was suggested but will be confirmed as a good date for Wilma before any further plans are made or announced.

- Mary, Queen of Heaven has been selected as the name for our family of parishes. This probably won't be the final name when the parishes combine into one, but for now it makes it easier to identify and refer to the various families in the Archdiocese by one name instead of by the individual parish names that make up a family.

Beacons of Light/Family of Parishes news - Fr. Jim reported

- Anyone on Parish Council is invited to attend the monthly Family PC meetings. There are usually about 20 people at the meetings and all parishes should be represented. Currently the meetings are rotating at the four parish locations. The meetings are touring a different property each month in order to become familiar with each so discussions can take place about the use of the properties. The next meeting is at St. MM on May 17 and they will tour our parish facilities at that time.

- Fr. Jim is forming committees to serve the family of parishes. Anyone interested in being part of a committee should submit their name to him or the parish office for consideration. Not everyone who expresses interest will be invited to join that committee. The committees forming are: Evangelization, Social Outreach, Worship, Stewardship and Communications.

- There was some key confusion recently that led to Fr. Rob Jack conducting the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the parking lot because he was unable to unlock the building. He will be given a set of keys to avoid this happening in the future.

Parish Finances: Jenni reported

- The finance report was presented for the period ending April 30. Collections based on what was budgeted for are going well, but Bill C. reminded council members that the bigger picture is that the parish continues to run a deficit of roughly 100K per year.

- The final report for Casino Night 2023 was provided to Council. The net profit was \$7,459.14.

- A bequest of \$5,000.00 was recently received in memory of Mary Lou Kiefer.

Arts & Environment: Jenni reported

- This is a newly formed committee whose responsibilities will include ensuring that the church is ready for all seasonal and liturgical changes, such as flowers, decorations and music. The team plans to meet once a month to review the needs for the upcoming month.

- Jenni asked that Pam Windisch and Kathy Federle be acknowledged and thanked for their assistance to make sure music is provided for all Masses over the last couple of months while George Becker is on leave.

- It was noted that this new A&E group is NOT a parish Worship committee. There is a family-wide Worship committee currently being formed by Fr. Bryan Reif. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the family Worship committee can submit their names through the parish office or to Fr. Jim. Fr. Bryan will make the final decision about who he will invite to be a part of the team.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- The condensate pipe in the cafeteria was replaced at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00

- The walk-in cooler in the cafeteria is broken and will not be fixed at this time.

- Bill Johansing and Jenni will purchase flowers to be planted on the grounds after Mother's Day.

- The cement planters that stood in front of the church were being pushed over by people walking by and have been moved to other locations within the grounds.

- The plan to re-carpet the sanctuary and other areas of the church have been put on hold for now while other projects are given attention.

- Bill C. suggested it's time to clean out the excess contents of the parish buildings and spaces no longer in use. Bill will coordinate a team to identify furnishings and equipment in the parish buildings that can be sold or disposed of.

Communications Commission (CC): Janice reported

- The parish Guide Book & Directory for 2023 has been updated and sent to the publisher. Jenni reported the publisher has already provided a final proof which signals that the books will be ready and mailed to parish households soon.
- Diocesan (our bulletin printer) is currently working to identify and recruit advertisers for the back of the bulletin. Anyone who has a business and is interested in placing an ad or has a suggestion for a business to be approached should contact the parish office and Diocesan's sales rep. will follow up with them.

Social Committee: Donna reported

The next donut Sunday is on May 7 after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Old business – What to do if a priest doesn't arrive for Mass

There have been a couple of close calls recently which brought up the question of how to handle things if the scheduled priest doesn't arrive for Mass. If this happens, an announcement will be made informing congregants that they can go to the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass at St. James; or go to the 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass at St. Ann. **There will not be a communion service in place of Mass.**

Old business – Having an AED available onsite

Denise has applied to possibly receive a refurbished AED unit for the parish. Jenny S. (a parishioner who is an NCH police officer) is also helping with this.

Old business – Elvis Dinner & Show

The dinner and show took place on April 15 and went very well. The dinner was catered by former parishioner Hitch's Catering and the show was fun and entertaining. Although the venue wasn't sold out it was agreed that it would have been too crowded if it had been. The event was planned as a parish social event more than a fundraiser, however a profit of \$1,464.66 was realized due in part to an anonymous donation paying for Paul "Elvis" Halverstadt's fee. Thanks to whomever made the donation.

Old business – Easter Egg Scramble

The event took place after the 10 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. It was well-attended; the weather was beautiful; and the kids had fun. Thanks to Denise, Donna, Margie and Kevin for coordinating the details for the event.

New business – Mother's Day flowers

Carnations will be given to mothers attending the Masses at St. MM on Mother's Day weekend.

New business – Annual Parish Picnic

It was decided to not have the parking lot picnic this year but the Sizzlin' Summer Mega Split-the-Pot raffle will still take place. It was suggested that the Kona Ice truck be scheduled to be at the parish on the day when the drawing takes place. Jenni is checking on this.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Wed. June 14 at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz