

St. Mary of the Hills Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2010
8:15 AM to 11:45 AM
St. Mary of the Hills

Attendees: **Worship: Annette Kelly, Mark Joyce, Christine McGowan (Secretary)**
Christian Service: Mike Simon, Mary Margaret Brosch, Karen Schenk, Cindy Yanachik
Education: Jim Soisson, Peggy Casing
Fellowship: Margaret Sheldrick, Bob Sheldrick, Dave Kalis, John Hundiak (President)
Finance: Mark Gathof, Rob Hohner, Bob Jackson (Vice President)
Pontiac Vicariate: Mark Joyce, Mary Margaret Brosch
Fr. Stan

Agenda

Welcome and Fellowship	All	8:15 – 8:30
Prayer Service	All	8:30 – 9:00
Opening Comments	Fr. Stan	9:00 – 9:05
Announcements	All	9:05 – 9:10
Commission Meetings	Commissions	9:10 – 10:25
1) Christmas feedback		
• Liturgical aspect		
• Service aspect		
• Fellowship/ Social/ Fun aspect		
Break	All	10:25 – 10:30
Welcome and Introductions	J. Hundiak	10:30 – 10:35
Old Business	J. Hundiak	10:35 – 10:40
1) Volunteer Fair	L. Corrion/ J. Hundiak	10:40 – 10:50
2) Marketing Ministry	S. Thorne	10:50 – 10:55
New Business		
1) January Activities	J. Hundiak/ Fr. Stan	10:55 – 11:05
• National Migration Week		
• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
• Vocations Week		
• Right to Life March		
2) February GIFT Theme/ Lenten Activities	J. Hundiak	11:05 – 11:25
• One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins		
Critical Commission Reports	Commission Reps	11:25 – 11:40
Closing Prayer	All	11:40 – 11:45

Additional Information

Special notes:

Prayer Service/ Formation	All	8:30 – 9:00
<p>The prayer service and formation focused on the GIFT theme this month – “One Holy Catholic and Apostolic”. We broke out into small groups to discuss what each of those mean to us. Some thoughts shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One – we are all one together; all are welcome. There is a hidden message of evangelization = we have a duty to share our faith and bring others in. We all enter through one set of doors at St. Mary. We are greeted as we enter, as one family, united. Mass is unifying – our responses bring us together. • Holy – we are all sinners, but we have a lot of opportunities at St. Mary to grow and develop on our faith journey. We must be welcoming at all times, and bring Christ to others, particularly at monumental times in our lives, such as weddings and funerals. • Catholic – the Church is universal. The Church is not just one group, city or country – it is all life. • Apostolic – we have an unbroken link to Peter and the Apostles. We do good in the ongoing succession of those who have gone before us. 		
Opening Comments	Fr. Stan	9:00 – 9:05
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the wonderful Christmas season we just shared, and for everyone’s participation. There is much going on during the month of January – the week for vocations, Migration, Respect for Life, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Through all of our activities, it is important for all of us to choose Christ – to follow His way, and to bring us closer together. • We ask the commissions to take a few minutes to give feedback on the Christmas season and anything that went well and suggestions for next year. • There are new Bible Studies forming – Women’s Bible Study every other Tuesday and another date as well TBD, Little Rock Scripture Study, plus more... All are encouraged to attend. 		
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See attachments		
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Old Business	J. Hundiak	10:35 – 10:40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2009 minutes approved. All commission minutes will be distributed with the council meeting minutes. 		

Volunteer Fair	L. Corrion/ J. Hundiak	10:40 – 10:50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Volunteer Fair – A Heart for Ministry (February 6th/7th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteers to speak after Mass – Karen Schenk, Alex Kiwior, Peggy/ Christine, Dave Kalis, Eileen Hohner (back-up only) ○ Also need each commission to highlight different aspects of their commissions in the gym. Need someone to give a 30 second “commercial” on their commission as people are in the gym. ○ Laura is designing the handouts/ sign-up sheets. Sheets will be turned in the following weekend (13th/ 14th) and offered as part of the offertory during Mass. We offer to God our time and talents. 		
Marketing Ministry Update	S. Thorne	10:50 – 10:55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team had a meeting in January. Next step is to have a review meeting with Fr. Stan. 		
January Activities	J. Hundiak/ Fr. Stan	10:40 – 10:45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Migration Week – focus on migrant workers, immigrant, displaced peoples. All have unique needs – food, shelter, social justice issues, etc. • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • Vocations Week • Right to Life March 		
Christmas Feedback		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Good, could have used more ushers (schedule for next year?)" ○ "Enjoyed Fr. Strain's alphabet. Both 4pm Masses were wonderful on Christmas Eve!" • Fellowship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "There wasn't anything for adults, but not sure this is needed due to all the time constraints placed on everyone." ○ "Welcome Center was very helpful during the season with all of our visitors. Many asked questions about joining the parish." • Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "What happens to the gift cards once at the organizations? It would be good to communicate to the individuals taking the tickets." ○ "Would like results from the Giving Tree communicated to the parish – what was donated and compared to prior year." 		

February GIFT/ Lenten Activities**J. Hundiak****11:05 – 11:25**

- **Theme – One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins/ Turn Your Heart**
 - **Forgiveness of sins – baptism is one moment in our lives, but it opens us to ongoing conversion of heart.**
 - **Suggestions:**
 - **Need a program – 40 days of....? Is there a daily effort?**
 - **40 Days of Life – Tuesday, February 16th – Archbishop Vigneron and Michelle Yax are keynote speakers at the kickoff. For more details on location, contact Right to Life.**
 - **Baby Shower - The Baby Showers will be the 1st Sunday in March this year. (March 7th). The gifts from the showers go to area pregnancy help centers (CPCs). If St. Mary's wants to do a shower and have not yet contacted the main Lifespan office, we need to give Sue a call ASAP (248-478-8878). A flyer is being made which lists all of the churches/organizations participating so that people can take a baby gift to another location if our church does not hold a baby shower.**
 - **PAV – Lenten Speaker – Tim Radcliff, Thursday, March 11 at St. Paul Albanian – topic will be "Christian in the 21st Century", beginning at 6pm with a light supper. Details are in the bulletin.**
 - **5 Great Dates begin February 26th.**
 - **Youth Group will again do Living Stations**
 - **Stations will be offered every Friday during Lent (Taize Stations will be on Feb 26th and Mar 26th)**
 - **Deacon will again do a holy hour.**
- **March GIFT Theme is the Triduum.**

Critical Commission Reports**All****11:25 – 11:40**

- **Worship – no new critical report.**
- **Education – no new critical report.**
- **Christian Service – Working on getting a new SOS chair (or multiple chairs to share the task)**
- **Fellowship – Birthday Party for Jesus – December 18th.**
- **Finance – Approximately \$70,000 in Christmas collection. The wish list is complete, and our bills are paid. CSA goal has been met for the year.**
- **Vicariate News –**
 - **Ron Valade, Permanent Deacon gave a slide presentation of the Ad Hoc Deacon Study. He gave a comprehensive overview of the duties and responsibilities of the 160 current deacons and those four who will be ordained in the spring. Parishioners are asked to encourage those they believe are dedicated Catholics who may have the calling. Financial aid is available for the four year program through the Archdiocese of Detroit.**
 - **PAV Spring assembly (Lenten Reflection) Open to all parishes.**
 - **When: Thursday, March 11, 2010**
 - **Where: St. Paul Albanian Parish, 525 Auburn Road, R.H. 48307**

- Who: Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP
 - What: Presentation on “the Christian in the 21st Century”
 - Free: Light Dinner at 6:00 pm, Presentation from 7-9:15 pm
 - Reservations: Contact Dila Dusovic 586-623-2524 (cell), Judy Gordon, 248-652-0954
- Christ the Redeemer Parish
 - Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm
 - Presentation on “Recession/Depression”
 - Speaker: Bill Vallier, M.S.W.
 - Reservations: 248-391-1621 X 35

Closing Prayer

Fr. Stan

11:40 – 11:45

Additional Information