

St Mary of the Hills Pastoral Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2014

I. Call to order

Richard Danforth called to order the regular meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) at 7:00pm on May 14, 2014 at Holy Family Regional Call.

II. Roll call

Fr. Stan, Richard Danforth, Janet Gerhard, Curt Benham, Mark Joyce, Forrest Cooper, Carol Gunther, Arnie Vandercruyssen, Susie Phillips, George Phillips, Marlene DeBrosse, Jennifer Neill, Joan Cashman, Denis Naeger, Beth Belesky, John Hundiak, Virginia McMahon, Connor Payne.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Christ Life Program: Susie Phillips gave the council an overview of the Christ Life Program endorsed by Fr. Kratz. Susie would like to bring the program to St. Mary of the Hills in January 2015. There are 3 modules to the program and a 2-day training course for facilitators. Some of the issues discussed: could we integrate this program into a parish mission; we would welcome other area parishes to participate.
- b) Communities of Salt and Light: Sister Grace discussed the next set of questions to be addressed during the commission meetings. Ideas and suggestions should be designated in the commission minutes.
- c) Council term expirations and bylaw draft: The chart of current Pastoral Parish Council term expiration dates was reviewed and revised. A draft of the Pastoral Parish Council bylaws was distributed and will be discussed at the June meeting.
- d) Strategic Drivers: The top 2 strategic drivers identified by the PPC are as follows: (1) We have parishioners with a lot to offer who are not as involved as they should be (2) We let aspects of our culture “evolve” rather than deliberately creating our culture. Breakout small group discussions generated the attached listing of ideas for use in developing specific goals toward solving these strategic drivers.

V. New business

- a) Dates for 2014/2015 PPC meetings: There are 3 options for meeting dates for the 2014/2015 schedule. These include (1) Saturdays at 8:00am (2) Alternate Saturdays and weekdays at 7:00pm and (3) Weekdays only at 7:00pm. This issue will be decided at the June meeting.
- b) Nominations for Pastoral Parish Council: Richard Danforth was nominated for President and Dennis Naeger was nominated for Vice-Chair. The Secretary position is currently open.
- c) Next Meeting: The final meeting will be held on June 14, 2014 at 7:45am at St. Mary of the Hills. A pot luck is being held so participants should bring an item to serve. Denis Naeger will be responsible for opening prayer.

VI. Adjournment

Richard Danforth adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Janet Gerhard