

## SMOTH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – 14Jun14

### Attendees:

Parish Council Role	Name	Present?
<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Stan Ulman	Y
<b>President &amp; At Large Representative</b>	Richard Danforth	Y
<b>Vice President &amp; Education Commission Representative</b>	Janet Gerhard	Y
<b>Education Commission</b>	Peggy Casing	Y
<b>Secretary - At Large</b>	Ken Corrion	Y
<b>At Large</b>	Curt Benham	Y
<b>Christian Service Commission Representative</b>	Mark Joyce	N
	Sr. Grace Keane	N
<b>Evangelization Commission Representative</b>	Susie Phillips	Y
	George Philips	N
<b>Fellowship Commission Representative</b>	Marlene DeBrosse	Y
<b>Finance Council Representative</b>	Mark Suwinski	Y
<b>Stewardship Commission Representative</b>	Carol Gunther	Y
	Andrew Fadanelli	Y
<b>Worship Commission Representative</b>	John Hundiak	Y
	Beth Belesky	Y
<b>HFRS Representative</b>	Jennifer Neill	N
<b>PAV Representative</b>	Joan Cashman	Y
	Denis Naeger	Y
<b>Seniors Representative</b>	Virginia McMahan	Y
<b>Youth Representative</b>	Connor Payne	Y
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Thomas Kubacki	N
	Forrest Cooper	Y
	Jay Fedewa	N
	Arnie Vandercruyssen	Y
	Clement Valot	Y
	Debra Valot	Y
	Laura Corrion	Y
	Cheryl Bida	Y
	Frank Kern	Y

**Opening Prayer** – Denis Naeger

### Old Business

- 1) Prior Meeting Minutes – Richard Danforth
  - a. PPC Meeting Minutes from 14Jun14 approved.
- 2) Election of Council Officers – Richard Danforth

- a. Richard Danforth was nominated and approved as the new PPC President.
  - b. Denis Naeger was nominated and approved as the new PPC Vice-President.
  - c. Janet Gerhard was nominated and approved as the new PPC Secretary. She will look for opportunities to stream line the duties of Secretary. Suggestions to consider include: Having attendees take turns with recording meeting minutes or record the meeting and then transcribe the meeting minutes at a later time.
- 3) By-Laws of the PPC – Richard Danforth
- a. The updated By-laws were distributed during the PPC meeting in May. The following feedback was obtained:
    - i. Stewardship should be included in the listed Commissions.
    - ii. Evangelization should be listed as a Committee.
  - b. The By-laws will be adopted with these amendments.
  - c. An updated copy of the By-laws should be added to SMOTH’s website.
- 4) How to address the Top Two “Strategic Concerns” – Richard Danforth
- a. The following thoughts were shared at this meeting and shall be added to the list started at May’s meeting as possible future actions:
    - i. The Rebuilt Conference asked “Why are things done the way they are?”. We should include the following Agenda Item to our next PPC session:
      - 1. How can we apply this thought to what we currently do here at SMOTH?
      - 2. How do we identify our “Rochester Rick” and determine why he doesn’t participate at SMOTH then determine how to change that.
    - ii. Each of our Commissions should address these 2 Strategic Concerns in future meetings and bring back suggestions to the PPC.
    - iii. How do we know the “needs” of our community are being met and the right opportunities are being offered? Our Volunteer Opportunities List should be expanded to capture other “needs” that should be met.
    - iv. We should ask people directly to help out where needs exist.
    - v. Are our “Needs” shared with the Parishioners? How often should this occur and in what format? How do we make it personal to the people of our Parish? Some suggested meeting venues include focus group Potluck dinners, Doughnuts with Fr Stan, One-on-One meetings, etc.
  - b. The following short term actions shall be taken to address:
    - i. “We have parishioners with a lot to offer who aren’t as involved as they should be” - A Stewardship Fair is planned for this Fall. See topic below for further details.
    - ii. “We let most aspects of our culture ‘evolve’ rather than deliberately creating a parish culture to support our vision.” – A Slogan will be developed for our Parish. See topic below for further details.
- 5) Developing a Slogan for SMOTH – Richard Danforth
- a. Anonymous Proposals should be collected for proposed slogans to eliminate the fear of critiquing.
  - b. Consider some examples used by other organizations such as: “You can find it here”, “Jesus is the reason”, etc.
  - c. Fr Stan and Susie Philips will generate bulletin articles to solicit proposals from all Parishioners for slogan ideas.
  - d. A suggestion box should be made available at the upcoming Picnic to collect slogan ideas.

- e. We may consider making this a contest to determine who can come up with the best slogan.

## **New Business**

- 1) 2014-15 PPC Meeting Calendar– Richard Danforth / Ken Corrion
  - a. All attendees voted to determine if the meetings should be held on Saturday Mornings, a Weeknight (Wednesdays), or Alternate between Saturdays and Weeknights. Each attendee was given 2 votes and the results are as follows:
    - i. Saturdays Mornings only = 19 votes
    - ii. Weeknights (Wednesday Evenings) only = 18 votes
    - iii. Alternate Saturdays & Weeknights = 11 votes
    - iv. Much discussion occurred as a result of this vote. We will honor the results this vote. If changes are desired then the next PPC will need to take up this issue in the fall.
  - b. PPC and Commission meetings for this Fall will be scheduled as follows:
    - i. Sep 20
    - ii. Oct 18
    - iii. Nov 15
    - iv. Dec 13
- 2) PPC Membership – Richard Danforth
  - a. Richard distributed a list of the PPC members for 2014/15 term. Our Bulletin needs to be updated accordingly.
- 3) Stewardship Program / Fair – Carol Gunther
  - a. Plans were distributed for “Stewardship a Way of Living”. This program begins in September with a Letter from Fr Stan and culminates in November with a Commitment Weekend and Celebration.
  - b. Carol will organize a meeting in August to solidify input from each Commission for this event.
- 4) CSA Update – Forrest Cooper
  - a. Our SMOTH Goal = \$169k,
  - b. Current Pledges = \$96k
  - c. 57% of our goal is currently achieved.
  - d. 297 families have pledged so far.
- 5) Mental Health Program – Joan Cashman
  - a. A presentation by Jilia Teachworth is planned for 7/1/14 @ 7:30 pm in the East Overflow.

## **Commission Updates**

- 1) Finance – Mark Suwinski
  - a. Our 2014/15 Budget was not approved by the AOD due to miscommunications.
  - b. All payables are being met and SMOTH remains debt free.
- 2) Evangelization – Susie Phillips
  - a. See Evangelization Committee meeting minutes for details.
- 3) Christian Service – Joan Cashman
  - a. See Christian Service Commission meeting minutes for details.
- 4) Education – Janet Gerhard
  - a. See Education Commission meeting minutes for details.
- 5) Fellowship – Marlene DeBrosse

- a. A Parish wide email can be distributed since this year's picnic is part of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- b. See Fellowship Commission meeting minutes for further details.
- 6) Worship – John Hundiak
  - a. See Worship Commission meeting minutes for details.
- 7) Stewardship – Carol Gunther
  - a. See Stewardship Commission meeting minutes for details.

### **Other Groups**

- 1) Seniors – Virginia McMahon
  - a. See Senior Fellowship meeting minutes for details.
- 2) Youth – Connor Payne.
  - a. Connor thanked all attendees for inviting him to participate in the PPC meetings. He also shared some thoughts for keeping our youth engaged. This includes incorporating social time with business related activities.
- 3) Pontiac Area Vicariate – Denis Naeger
  - a. Denis and Fr Stan are retiring from PAV.
  - b. Another SMOTH representative is needed for PAV.
- 4) HFRS – Janet Gerhard
  - a. Four Kindergarten classes are now planned for next year at HFRS and not 3 as previously announced.

### **Other Announcements**

- 1. Denis Naeger announced Marriage Mentor Training is planned for this fall. Additional Mentors are needed for Step Families, Couples in Crisis, and Engaged Couples.
- 2. Denis Naeger will start offering Counseling Services on Wednesdays from 6-9:00 to all the people of our parish.
- 3. Richard Danforth thanked Fr Stan and our Commission Members & Leadership for their dedication and hard work in support of SMOTH.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Stan

### **Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:**

Saturday, September 20, 2014 @ 8:00 AM. Location = SMOTH