

SMOTH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
September 20,2014

Present:

Joan Cashman, Virginia McMahon, Carol Guenther, Mark Suwinski, Laura Corrion, Forrest Cooper, Denis Naeger, George and Susie Phillips, Anna Marchese, Karen Dudak, Mark Joyce, Curt Benham, Ken Corrion, Janet Gerhard, Joan Cashman, Fr. Stan Ulman, Marlene DeBrosse,

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from June were approved.

The dates of the PPC meetings were emailed to all council members.

**CSA Update:** Forrest reported that we are only \$12,500 shy of our goal. Forrest reported that we are very pleased with the progress and we have until the end of the year to collect the contributions. It was noted that last year we were \$10,000 shy of our goal and we had to take that out of our operating budget.

**Stewardship Presentation:** Carol Guenther presented the Stewardship program schedule for "A Way of Living". Readers will make an announcement at the beginning of each mass. For the weekend of Septebmer 27-28, the burgundy prayer books will be distributed at each mass and Susie and George Phillips will be sharing their personal stewardship journey. After each mass on October 4-5, the Stewardship Fair will take place in the gym. Each commission representative is to create materials/display and have manpower at the table after each mass. The weekend of October 11-12, the commitment forms will be distributed in the pews and Welcome Center. The weekend of October 18-19 the commitment forms will be collected at the alter. The final weekend will be October 25-26 where commitment forms will continue to be collected with fellowship in the gym after mass.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made and passed to support a liquor license for the SMOTH Road Rally on Ocotber 17, 2014

**Top Two Strategic Concerns:** These concerns were identified by the PPC are:

1. We have parishioners with a lot to offer who aren't as involved as they should be.
2. We let most aspects of our culture "evolve" rather than deliberately creating a parish culture to support our vision.

After discussion, it was determine that the Stewardship Fair would address concern #1 and the Christ Life program, which will start in January 2015, will address concern #2.

**Slogans:** A listing of 88 slogans that were submitted by parishioners were distributed. It was determined that the Executive Committee will review the slogans and make the final decision. No deadline was given for this task.

**15 Minute Ministry:** Joan Cashman made the suggestion of having a 15 minute ministry where parishioners could come early or stay late from mass and volunteer for small jobs. Next month

each commission should discuss this at their meeting and make a list of small jobs that parishions could assist with.

**Christ Life Evangelization Program:** George Phillips presented a slideshow with the outline of the Christ Life program. This evangelization program is designed for those individuals seeking a personal encounter/relationship with Jesus Christ. This program is a huge undertaking for the parish and time and talent will be requested of our church family. The 7 week program will include dinner, prayer, introduction of a topic and small group discussion and is expected to enroll at least 100 participants. The start date for the program is January 22, 2015.

COMMISSION REPORTS: See attached commission reports for details.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Parishioners with EFT contributions: Joan Cashman requested that parishioners with EFT contributions have a small token or laminated card to put in the basket during collections at mass. The finance council will discuss this issue at their next meeting.

Forrest Cooper will be moving to Arizona in February or March.