

St Mary of the Hills  
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes  
October 18, 2014

Present: Janet Gerhard, Richard Danforth, Susie Phillips, George Phillips, Virginia McMahon, Carol Guenther, Denis Naeger, Joan Cashman, Mark Joyce, Anna Marchsee, Marlene DeBrosee, Curt Benham, Clem Valot, Forrest Cooper, Samantha Guerra,

The prayer was led by Richard Danforth. The Committee welcomed Samantha Guerra, the Youth Group representative, to the Parish Pastoral Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The September minutes were approved.

**Stewardship Program update:** Carol Guenther provided an update of the Stewardship Fair. All PPC members should bring their commitment forms to mass and participate in placing the forms in the baskets during mass. The celebration will take place after each mass at the October 25-26 weekend. The Stewardship Committee will collect all the forms and collect all the data, which will be presented at a future PPC meeting.

**Christlife update:** Susie and George Phillips provided a detailed update on the Christlife program. An enormous amount of work needs to take place before the program starts in January 2015. Volunteers are needed to facilitate small group sessions and hospitality volunteers are needed to help with food and beverages. An Information night is scheduled for Wednesday October 29, 2014 from 7:00-9:00 pm. The training session will take place on Saturday November 22, 2014. Each PPC member was asked to invite a friend to volunteer for the program and to attend the program in January. The initial Christlife program is designed for those parishioners who attend SMOTH and then eventually those attending the program will start bringing people who have fallen away from the church.

**25th Anniversary Activities update:** The Road Rally was cancelled due to low registration. No other activities have been planned.

**CSA update:** Forrest Cooper reported that we are currently \$11,000 short of our goal. We have until May 2015 to collect the funds before they are taken out of our operating budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Archdiocesan of Detroit Survey:** An Executive Summary of the results of the survey was presented to the Council. The detailed results will be presented/discussed at the November PPC meeting.

**Slogan Selection:** The following 8 slogans were selected by the Executive Committee and were presented to the PPC. Each PPC member had two votes. The slogan will be referred to as our "*philosophy*".

Growing in faith, living in hope and serving in love  
Loving God through work and worship  
Called by faith to lives of service  
Seeking God and serving man  
Where Jesus welcomes you with joy and peace  
SMOTH , Live, Learn, serve  
Seeking, serving, welcoming

**Winner:** St. Mary of the Hills: Live, learn, serve

**Liquor license:** The liquor license if required for the Valentine dinner/dance on February 7, 2015 to be held at SMOTH. The liquor license was unanimously approved.

**Commission reports:** See attached commission reports for details.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The idea of a new digital sign in front of the church was discussed. Events could be advertised digitally for all to see. We would need to include Holy Family in the discussion and to potentially share the cost. The cost is unknown at this point, however, electricity is currently available at the site of the current sign.

A request was made to have less time in the chapel and more time for the commission meetings. After some discussion, the decision was made to limit the chapel time to 15 minutes unless an issue of urgency/importance was to be discussed. At that time, 30 minutes will be designated in the chapel. Since each commission is now responsible for planning the liturgy/education in the chapel, please keep the length to 15 minutes only. Also, keep the Commission updates at the PPC meetings to 1 minute in length.