

**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**February 21, 2015**

**“St. Mary of the Hills: Live, Learn, Serve”**

Present: Clem Valot, Denis Naeger, Forrest Cooper, Mark Suwinski, Joan Cashman, Susie Phillips, George Phillips, Carol Gunther, Mark Joyce Richard Danforth, Fr. Stan Ulman, John Hundiak, Samantha Guerra, Ann Marchese.

**Old Business**

- ***1/17/15 Meeting Minutes - approved***
- ***ChristLife Update – 110 to 120 attending weekly. They’re holding weekly feedback meetings and everything is going well. The food cost is high, costing the Parish about \$500-\$600 per week and we need to work on lowering that cost next year.***
- ***Budget Input to Finance Committee – send in your budgets next week. What you need and your wish list.***
- ***CSA 2014-15 Wrap Up – We exceeded our goal by about \$1600. We have new chairs for next year and Forrest will be meeting with them to transition.***
- ***Philosophy - “St. Mary of the Hills: Live, Learn, Serve” – Meaning, Purpose, Use, and Ideas – A discussion was held and what the meaning is. After discussion it was agreed to that :Live, Learn, Serve” will be the short Vision Statement of the Parish and that’s how we’ll refer to it. It was***

***agreed that all publications, media, internet, etc will have the Vision Statement on them.***

- ***Strategic Concerns (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. – This was started last May. We will discuss in great detail at the March meeting. Bring your ideas.***
- ***It was asked to have CLT added to the March agenda to provide an update and present ideas on where we will be going in the final year of the campaign.***

### **New Business**

- ***CSA Chairpersons (Nick Pfeiffer & Laura Frankowiak) – Fr. Stan reported that both Nick and Laura are very excited about running CSA this year.***
- ***Lent – Mass, Silence, Reflection – an emphasis is being put on "Silence". A new slide is being introduced to encourage Parishioners to Reflect in Silence. A pause is being added in the Prayer of the Faithful.***
- ***New Council Member – May 2015 – A new 2 year at large member is needed for the upcoming year. A suggestion was to look at finding a young adult***

***(21-35). If you think of someone, please talk with them.***

### **Commission/Committee Reports**

- ***Youth – The teens want to do more volunteer work. They’re looking at a fall rake and run. Also may hold a game night with other youth groups in the Vicariate.***
- ***Seniors – looking for new members. The group is very pleased with the daytime events that are being offered.***
- ***Christian Service – Operation Rice Bowl is being held during Lent.***
- ***Fellowship – no report***
- ***Education – They discussed RCIA being held at the same time as Christ Life. They discussed RCIA might be a good lead into Christ Life and maybe the timing of Christ Life could be looked at.***
- ***Worship – the lack of parking at Easter and Christmas was discussed and ideas were being brain stormed by the group. Maybe a shuttle service. They also discussed the timing of Christ Life.***
- ***Evangelization – The Christ Life program is going very well. They are also looking into the possibility of putting an electronic sign out front to showcase everything our Parish does.***
- ***Stewardship – The group will be contacting each commission and ministry in the Parish to get a list of their volunteers.***
- ***Finance – All bills are paid, the Parish is healthy financially, and there’s money in the bank. Recently several HVAC units were replaced and we had***

***the money to do it. Get your budget requests in.***

- ***Pontiac Area Vicariate – Last Thursday there was an assembly held and over 300 people attended. The topic was more of an informational, rather than a religious one.***
- ***HFRS – a recent fund raiser brought in \$161,000. This fall they'll be hiring a director of advancement.***

***Next Meeting – March 14, 2015, @ 7:45 am***

***11:00***

***Closing Prayer – Fr. Stan Richard Danforth***