St. Mary of the Hills Parish Pastoral Council

January 16, 2016

St. Mary of the Hills: Live, Learn, Serve

Present: Samantha Guerra, Mary Davis, Meghan Schuler, Denis Naeger, Michaeleen Dolinski, Carol Gunther, George Phillips, Susie Phillips, Mary Bommarito, Mary Pat Soisson, Jay Fedewa, Mark Suwinski, Richard Danforth, Fr. Stan Ulman,

OLD BUSINESS

- December 19, 2015 Minutes
  - PPC meeting minutes were approved as written
  - *Christian Service* and *Finance* are behind on submitting monthly minutes
    - Finance Committee- Mark Suwinski explained there was an issue about who on the committee was responsible for submitting minutes. Issue has been resolved and all missing minutes will be emailed this coming week
  - Minutes should be emailed to Meghan Schuler at meghan.schuler@gmail.com

- Year of Mercy- Parish Plan
  - Upcoming year has been declared the "Year of Mercy". As a parish and PPC, we should brainstorm ideas of things we can do to send a message of mercy.
    - **Idea:** adopt a Middle Eastern family/person support transition into US
      - Question? What would that entail… finding a place to live? A job?
      - Question? How would we identify this family?
      - Question? What are the details and financial costs of this?
        - Answer- There is a person in the AOD that is supporting this and figuring out the details- would be a good contact.
      - Next step: Contact AOD to get more information and know the exact details before making a decision. Denis Naeger volunteered to contact the AOD point persion to determine the process and to gather data about the cost/commitment. He will try and obtain more information to present at the February meeting.
    - **Idea**: Pilgrimage to the door downtown- renting buses and inviting parishioners, have the choir sing at a prayer service
    - **Idea**: Emphasize Reconciliation a little more, encourage parishioners to attend reconciliation before 5 pm mass
- PPC Calendar
  - Meeting dates for the remainder of 2016
    - February 20th
    - March 19th
    - April 16th
    - Mary 21st
    - June 18th

NEW BUSINESS

- Parish Mission
  - April 4th-6th, 2016
  - Speaker: Richard Lane
  - Sponsored by the Evangelization Commission

- Parish Council Elections
  - Election for Members and Officers
    - Commissions: Stewardship and Finance
    - Officers: President and Vice President
  - April 2016- should know who the new members/officers will be
    - Prior to April need to discuss and approach people to ask if he or she would be interested in these positions

- Social Media Strategy
  - Committee formed to monitor and create a strategy consists of: Dan Greig, Chris Kozlowski, Judy Rhoads, Fr. Stan
  - Pictures preferred (as opposed to lengthy text or articles
  - Send to Chris Drouin as soon as you can (socialmedia@smoth.org)
    - Chris also maintains a schedule of when he will post to certain social media sites for steady flow of articles and pictures
  - Commitees/Commissions/Departments have been advised to take pictures at their events and to send them to Chris for posting on SMH social media sites

- Liquor license- PASSED
  - Liquor license needs to be approved for the 2nd Annual Romantic evening for Two as wine is being served at this event and they are charging for admission
    - 11 voting members present
      - 11 in favor
      - 0 opposed
      - 2 abstain (not present)

COMMISSION REPORTS

- Youth – Mary Davis presented the report
    - MSP- SMYG continuing to assist as group leaders
        - December- speaker presentation
            - "100 Faithful Friends" -group of people pledging $100 each per month and then vote on which charity organization the money should be donated to
        - MSP want to model this and do a project that the middle schoolers can reasonably accomplish and will be working on for the upcoming year
            - Ideas: Penny Wars, Post-It note challenge
    - Rainbow- CYO conference in Detroit at the end of January
    - AGAPE- Juniors/Seniors have the opportunity to attend mass and have a game night with the young adults to foster a relationship before they graduate
    - Reconciliation- Mary wants to get SMYG more involved, especially during the Year of Mercy
- Seniors- Michaeleen Dolinski presented the report
    - Pewabic tile- made a trip to Detroit to the factory building
    - Downtown door pilgrimage- discussion about also taking a trip and will connect with Worship Committee as they expressed interest in this idea too.