

St. Mary of the Hills
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2018

Present: Jay Fedewa, Meghan Schuler Todd, John Schuler, Denise Kay, Carol Gunther, Hugh Buchanan, Beth Belesky, Sam Guerra, Cheryl Bida, Judy DeKeyser, Cheryl Garneau, Clem Valot

Meeting commenced: 9:47 AM

Opening Prayer Hugh Buchanan

Pledge of Allegiance All

Vice President's Thoughts Jay Fedewa

- see attached

OLD BUSINESS

1. March 2018 Minutes approval
 - a. Motion to approve, second.
 - b. *Minutes approved.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Debrief on Easter masses
 - a. Discussion about the times of the masses- move from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
 - b. Book and Holy Water Distribution- were all distributed and none left over
 - c. Ushers could be more helpful in finding seats- difficult to find open spots

2. 2018-2019 Parish Council Officer Nominations All
 - a. President
 - i. Jay Fedewa nominated by Denise Kay
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Meghan Schuler Todd nominated by Denise Kay
 - ii. Denise Kay nominated by Hugh Buchanan
 - c. Secretary
 - i. open position
 - d. At Large Positions and Pontiac Vicariate Representatives
 - i. 2 open positions for each position
 - ii. Advertise in the bulletin and good news
 - iii. Executive committee will discuss options

3. "Unleash the Gospel" Reflection Guide All

- a. Idea to connect the modules from month to month
 - i. In June, a recap of what we have discussed this year with the modules
 - b. Idea to wear shirts/crosses when we volunteer to show who we are and where we are from to connect people that we are from St. Mary of the Hills
 - c. Christian Service has created business cards to provide when serving others
4. “Unleash the Gospel” Action Items All
- a. Christ Life Clem Valot
 - i. 20 people participating and sessions are going well
 - ii. want to expand this ministry and engage the parish as a whole
 - iii. suggestion to offer at different times of day or week
 - b. Christian Service Sign Up Christian Serv.
 - i. Done- see “outreach opportunities in the bulletin”
 - c. Parish “How-to Booklet” Education
 - i. common book for volunteers and committees
 - ii. Idea for a Leadership Conference- packet with information
 - iii. Binders in Office
 - iv. Other guides for “how-to” do other volunteer positions
 - d. Called and Gifted Workshop Christian Serv.
 - i. Offered and if there is an interest than it is scheduled
 - ii. Not currently planned or scheduled
 - iii. Discussion table for next year
 - e. Follow up with families after sacraments Education
 - i. Religious Education- Confirmation is key
 - ii. Marriage
 - iii. Idea to send letter with the other opportunities that are available after they participate in the sacraments
 - f. Retaining the Youth All
 - i. Article was sent and there were follow up emails with a discussion
 - ii. #1 Listening- ask the youth to see what they want instead of coming up with ideas and putting it on them
 - iii. Controversial topics- not discussed with youth as much as they want
 - 1. Idea to find out what the kids want to know- what are the questions that they have about the faith
 - iv. Young adults do not feel the need or meaning
 - g. Graduates Mass and Brunch Fellowship
 - i. Discuss Contributions

1. Bev Schuler- will be the chair for the brunch and will need help to set up and serve at the brunch
2. Need a chair or coordinator for signing families up
3. "Save the Date" has already been advertised in the bulletin
4. Evangelization/Education will work on the gift bags with books

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

See individual commission and committee reports

Seniors

1. Judy DeKeyser was present to give report for Carol Birch
 - a. Member news- Paul Blanchard will be stepping down as Vice President
 - b. Member news- Virginia McMahon is stepping down as Sunshine Committee and Judy DeKeyser will be taking her place
 - c. Movie and Dinner program- once a month will see a movie and have dinner on a Sunday afternoon
 - d. Fire Department Representative- to give presentation about safety
 - e. New York Bus Trip (May 31-June 6)- seeing 9-11 memorial, Central Park, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty
 - i. Still some openings
 - ii. Cost: \$650

Youth report- not present at meeting

ROUND TABLE

- Clem Valot- suggestion to alternate the order of the Commission Meeting reports so that every gets enough time to share their reports

Meeting Concluded: 11:40 AM