

St. Mary of the Hills
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2018

Present: Fr. Stan Ulman George Phillips, Jay Fedewa, Meghan Schuler Todd, Susie Phillips, John Schuler, Denise Kay, Carol Gunther, Carol Birch, Hugh Buchanan, Beth Belesky, Sam Guerra, Cheryl Bida, Arnie Vandercruyssen

Meeting commenced: 9:55 AM

Opening Prayer George Phillips

Pledge of Allegiance All

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. “Joyful Missionary Disciples: A Stewardship’s Response” Carol Gunther
 - a. Conference held on March 6 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
 - i. SMOth is looking for new and “out of the box” ideas
 - ii. Thought was to focus on cultural aspects to recruit volunteers
 - iii. Talent survey and database were discussed at conference
 - iv. Priest delivering message from the pulpit can be powerful
 - v. Model/structure: invite someone to “try” a ministry, if they express an interest in the position then they would apply to the position, and then their skills are evaluated if they would be a good fit, and if they are then they would be assigned a mentor to train them and help them become acclimated to the position- funeral ministry is going to work on this model
 - vi. Conference also had a segment on how to welcome new parishioners
2. UTG Reflections Guide- Modules 6 George Phillips
“*Person to Person Engagement*” and “*Families*”
 - a. Need to pray and discern
 - b. Ask/invite the Holy Spirit
 - c. Proper receipt of the sacraments
 - d. Read the scripture
 - e. Staff point of view Arnie Vandercruyssen
 - i. Young People- need to find out why younger people (under 40) are not as involved in the church as they should be
 - ii. “We should”- need to shift the mindset to “I will”

3. “Unleash the Gospel” Action Item Status George Phillips
Have these action items so they don’t fall through the cracks and can keep them front and center to follow up on them
 - a. ChristLife Ministry
 - b. Christian Service Sign up
 - c. Parish “how-to” booklet (forms, procedures, contacts)
 - d. Status of Called and Gifted Workshop
 - e. Follow-up with families after sacraments

4. “Unleash the Gospel” Update- Archdiocesan Pastoral Committee Susie Phillips
 - a. Catholic Schools Strategic Planning update
 - b. Action Step 2.1 “Parish Culture”
 - c. Action Step 1.2 and 1.3 “Families”

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- See individual reports for Commissions/Committees
- Senior Fellowship
 - Adding new members at each meeting
 - Continuing to provide desserts at ChristLife program
 - Trips
 - May- seniors and K of C going to NYC
 - Fall- Lancaster, PA and Philadelphia
 - Julie DeKeyser will be present at the next meeting to give report
- HFRS- not present at meeting
- Youth- not present at the meeting
 - Youth Mass is scheduled for April 14 at 5PM

ROUND TABLE

- St Paul Street Evangelization- meeting this Tuesday March 20 at 7PM at Penny Black
- April- start taking nominations for the positions
 - President, VP, Secretary, Evangelization- will all have open positions

Meeting Concluded: 11:40 AM