

St. Mary of the Hills
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2018

Meeting commenced: 9:50 AM

Opening Prayer Fr. Stan

OLD BUSINESS

1. April 2018 Minutes approval
 - a. Motion to approve, second.
 - b. *Minutes approved.*
2. Follow-up from Name Tag Sunday
 - a. Very successful and very well received
 - b. Many volunteers helped to write out the name tags
 - c. Consensus is that we should do this again

Discussion:

- Frequency?
 - Once a quarter- might be too much, takes away novelty
 - Maybe not to do in winter with people wearing coats/jackets and name tag won't be visible- spring and fall might be better
- Idea: Next Name Tag Sunday-picnic weekend so then parishioners can wear their name tags to the picnic and know names
- Idea: Permanent name tags
- Issue: Name tags with border and better markers as the labels were hard to people and the markers were old and dried out
- Comment: Facebook had many comments of how great this was
- Idea: Ice breaker questions during the summer without the name tags to keep the momentum going- first weekend of the month
 - Idea well received and there was some discussion about what to call this weekend and to have a creative name for it
- Conclusion: Beth- to work on questions and the opening for the readers and will send to Fr. Stan for approval before it is submitted to reader
 - Everyone to think about a creative name to call it

NEW BUSINESS

1. Knights of Columbus Crosses for Life Alex Dominique

- a. Provided some history and background
 - Annual project for the last 15-20 years
 - In the past the K of C set up the crosses during the time of the Festival of the Hills fireworks/Nightfever at the end of June
 - Daily rosaries are prayed outside in front of the crosses and have a core group that does this
- b. Idea: Looking for new ways to impact the parish and involve more parishioners
- c. Proposal: set up all but 200 crosses and invite parishioners after mass on the weekend of June 16/17 to take a cross and set it up on the post as they are walking out of mass- more of personal connection to the crosses and what they stand for

Discussion:

- Great idea
- Safety- have everyone walk down the center aisle with the yellow lines
- Idea of passing out a prayer or reflection piece
- Fr. Stan prefers the announcement to be made in the good news
- Someone will hand them a cross when they leave
- Knights to accommodate Nightfever and leaving an empty space on the lawn

2. Parish Council Nominations and Elections for 2018-2019

- a. Officers
 - Slate has been proposed
 - Anyone else can be nominated that will be on Council
- b. Representatives
 - Christian Service- Cheryl Bida
 - Education- Meghan Schuler Todd
 - Evangelization- Jay or Denise- final decision hasn't been
 - Fellowship- John Schuler
 - Finance- Donna Kopinski
 - At large- open position
 - HFRS- Cheryl Garneau
 - Pontiac Vicariate- 2 open positions
 - Seniors- Carol Birch
 - Stewardship- open position
 - Worship- Beth Belesky
 - Youth- open position
- c. Open positions for the At-Large member and PAV Representatives will be published in the bulletin to get names of individuals who may be interested

3. UTG Reflections Guide- Discussion

- a. Notes on the sheets that were submitted to Sr. Grace
- b. Many groups ran out of time
- c. Paradigm- what was it and what are we shifting from and to?
 - Not being an intentional evangelistic parish and shifting to this- bring people to the faith
 - Reflect a little more on what we are “shifting from”
 - We all as individuals need to do this
 - How do we move a person from being concerned about themselves to think about others? Material concern to spiritual concern? Rote to more intentional?
 - Archbishop statement that we should move from maintenance to mission

4. UTG SMOTH Action Items

- a. Following Christ- retreat today and then one more session and then the next sessions Sharing Christ- no date set yet but will be in the fall
- b. Stewardship- parish how to booklet –
 - Project- to put it online
 - There is a current book in the office- manual used for the weekend volunteers
 - Anything that we give out should be online- example-marriage booklet, online registration
 - Mostly about updating
- c. Education- follow up with families after sacrament
 - Focusing on Confirmation and marriage
 - Releasing a letter to encourage participation and informing them of events that are coming up- shallow entry points and ways to get involved
 - Welcoming committee- write letters, greeter ministry, newcomer outreach
 - Might have letter coming from parishioners to these families instead of from the parish
 - Retaining the Youth
 - Mentoring program
 - Current MSP is a youth to youth mentoring program is an example
 - Graduation Brunch- only have 8 signed up
 - Don't know what the issue is
 - Priorities have changed
 - Need to see where the shift was and how to address it
 - Fellowship to talk it up
 - Before- juniors used to put this breakfast on for the seniors so there was a connectivity

- Younger high school families were contacted to help with the brunch
- Have enough volunteers and don't need any other commissions help at this point

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- See individual reports for Commissions/Committees
- Senior Fellowship- Denise reported for Carol who was absent
 - Trips planned for the upcoming year
 - May- bus trip to NYC
 - Day trip for parade
 - Fall- Lancaster, PA and Philadelphia
 - Christmas trip to Frankenmuth
 - St Therese of Liseux- going to shrine of St. Kolbe and Marian apparition site
- Youth- not present at the meeting

Closing Prayer Fr. Stan

Meeting Concluded: 11:23 AM