

St.Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting #1
May 5, 2011
Minutes

In Attendance:

Cox, Susan
Drury, Mike
Frank, Mark
Gretchko, Fr. Ed
Hill, Andy
Hollinger, Brian
Martin, Bobbie
Miller, Fr. Bob
Peters, Andrea
Squiric, Sr. Jean Marie
Steiner, Sr. Doris

A. Opening of Meeting

Fr. Ed opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Ed announced that Bishop Murry would be celebrating the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 8th. He asked council members to be present if possible.

Andy shared that items to discuss at the meeting were: officers, subcommittee's, Parish mission statement and next meeting date.

B. Selection of Officers

After much discussion, the following were named officers of the council:

Chairperson:	Andy Hill
Vice-Chairperson:	Bobbi Martin
Secretary:	Still needed; Andy Hill will fill in while others discern if this position is right for him/her.

C. Subcommittee's of the Council

The following individuals volunteered to be the council liaison to the respective subcommittee:

Buildings and Grounds:	Mike Drury
Worship/Liturgical Planning:	Andrea Peters
Christian Formation:	Susan Cox
Parish Life:	Sr. Jean Marie and Brian Hollinger
Social Justice/Pro-Life:	Not yet filled

D. Other

Andrea passed out a sheet on "Ecumenical Meeting of Future Ministries", from the meeting held at St. Barbara's.

Next meeting date is set for Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The topics to be covered are: continued discussion on representative for Social Justice/Pro-Life subcommittee; beginning work on Parish mission statement. Andy will send out meeting minutes and some information on mission statements via e-mail prior to the next meeting.

E. Conclusion of Meeting

Andrea ended the meeting with a prayer.

St.Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting #2 May 19, 2011 Minutes

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Martin, Bobbie
Miller, Fr. Bob
Peters, Andrea
Squiric, Sr. Jean Marie
Steiner, Sr. Doris

A. Opening of Meeting

Sr. Jean Marie opened the meeting with a prayer.

B. Around the Table

Mark shared he is continuing to work on the church bells. All four should be working soon.

Fr. Ed reported that the Rosary Altar Society donated \$500 for shrubbery. He also said that Mrs. Untch is doing fantastic job with the school and children.

Sr. Doris said that the Liturgy Committee met yesterday. They are in need of help for the CCD Program.

Andrea shared that there appears to be confusion on who is responsible for the Parish picnic. She said the topic was discussed at the Liturgy Committee meeting and they thought the Pastoral Council would be responsible. She also reported that the Liturgy Committee would like to get parishioners involved in greeting at the weekend masses. Andrea passed out a summary of the Liturgy Committee meeting.

Sr. Jean Marie said that Parish Life would like to get representatives from all parish organizations together to plan out an activity calendar for the year. She reported the mothers luncheon went well, serving 60 people. She said the strawberry social will be held on June 12th and the fathers luncheon on June 18th.

C. Minutes from May 5th Meeting

It was noted that Bobbie's name was misspelled. Andy will correct (sorry!).

D. Social Justice/Pro-Life Subcommittee

Bobbie volunteered to be the liaison for the Social Justice/Pro-Life Subcommittee.

E. Parish Mission Statement

Bobbie shared the following thoughts on our initial efforts of creating a parish mission statement: "Jesus is our guide. Our mission is for all the people who inspire our service and ministry empowering others to go forth and share in community and involvement in parish life as a family of God to spread hope, justice, forgiveness. We celebrate our faith and want our parishioners, our community, the world to celebrate unitedly and strongly".

Susan shared the following:

"St. Mary's Parish treasures its long and rich history beginning with the German Immigrants who

constructed the church and formed the parish. Building upon that historic foundation and with a vision for the future the parish embraces a diverse and ever changing parish community. As a community of faithful we seek under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our Roman Catholic Faith, actively reach out to evangelize and passively reach out with examples of our lives to revitalize and extend the ministry of the church.

Through prayer, discernment and example we strive to be a welcoming, accepting and caring beacon for the community. As a parish with a strong sense of community we are dedicated to the spiritual and physical well being of the parish and community.”

We discussed how a mission statement should concisely state who we are and what we want to be. Brainstorming on this thought brought the following ideas:

Our heritage, helping the poor, joy-filled, committed to education, working together, community outreach, working with the sick, elderly and youth, welcoming, feel at home, the physical building is historic.

We concluded our discussion on the parish mission statement by deciding we would each think about what should be included along the guidelines discussed and continue our work at our June meeting.

F. Parish Picnic

Based upon Andrea’s feedback Andy said he would talk with Fr. Ed about the parish picnic prior to the June meeting and he would put the parish picnic as an agenda item for June.

G. Conclusion of Meeting

Sr. Doris concluded the meeting with a prayer and reading of an editorial.