

# Divine Mercy Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## February 1, 2018

Attendance: Doris Champagne, Donna Darey, Dave Ehret, Kathy Hass, Mike Lachnitt, Dave Sanning, Liz Sanning, Joe Spillane, Margie Swanner, Father Marty, Father Bill, Deacon Bob, LuAnn Glaser

Liz Sanning, council chair, called the meeting to order. Opening prayer was led by Father Marty. Old Business began with a discussion of how we address incorporating stewardship and evangelization into the commission structure. It was recommended that members attend the Diocesan Stewardship Day in Riverside on March 6<sup>th</sup>. A concern is how a stewardship committee fits into the parish structure when it is a part of everything we do. We need to incorporate stewardship into all the commissions, as well as nurture the committees under the commissions.

We are one parish in name only. We need to start as a leadership group to make this one parish.

A status report was shared on Transitions DMC. The Community Commission cancelled their bake sale to be held at Notre Dame since they felt uncomfortable when Transitions had not been able to speak at Masses. There is now heat in the building. What BHS Building and Trades students have done is amazing! Transitions received \$300 from a Notre Dame fund raiser. The commissions agreed to work on the bathroom, since that is a priority. Craig Fenton needs to meet with Father Marty to discuss what funds are needed.

Father Marty asked if the commission system is working, if the Thursday nights are productive, and if we are doing the best we can or if we need to revamp. The commissions need to go through the staff and not around them. The parameters and responsibilities need to be clarified. Father Marty says we are still new at this. He asked if this group should look at the budget and give feedback to the Finance Committee. People need to know their roles. An issue is parishioners who want to do things but don't know how to do them. Staff knows what needs to be done. We have a diagram that shows the flow of the parish, but we don't use it. Some of the committee people want to have Father Marty's ear and have access to him. Questions were developed and will be discussed by the commissions at the next meeting.

Under New Business Lenten soup suppers were set for March 7 and 14, following Mass at Notre Dame. It was suggested that service groups can adopt a soup supper and receive the proceeds to help their group. Father Marty shared that he has hired Carmen Lachnitt for Music Director. Buildings and Grounds will meet Tuesday and a decision needs to be made about what to do with the rectory at SSMP. The Finance Committee is meeting Monday. Since 53-54% of our budget goes to Notre Dame, Father questions what to do with families who don't contribute to the parish, but the parish helps with tuition.

Father Marty reported that there was no overflow at Christmas Eve Mass at Notre Dame, so no one was in the elementary gym. The number of people attending Mass was less than at the Auditorium. The number of people at each of the Christmas Masses was discussed. A possible schedule of Masses, which would provide for all Christmas Masses to be held in our churches, was shared. The council agreed that all the Christmas Masses be celebrated in the churches next Christmas. The Easter schedule and service location were shared.

Father Bill led closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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