

St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, August 3, 2011

Present: Stephen Gardner, Tom Walsh, Don Dineen, Mary Smith, Nancy Woods, Kelsey Worachek,
Denise Couture, Luke Demerath, Donna VanGrinsven, Don Kuen, Fr. Dave Funk, Judy Meyer
Excused: Fr. Jim Leary

Opening Prayer: Don Kuen

August Agenda Approved; June minutes were not available for review.

Commission of new members and re-commission of standing members, conducted by Fr. Dave.

Designation of new committee liaison members:

IPRF - Mary Smith; Human Concerns (Family Ministry) - Stephen Gardner; Health Ministry - Don Dineen.

Committee Reports:

Finance: (Don Kuhn) The budget is finalized with end-of-year financial information reported through Finance Council; budget has been developed and turned in. We are in good shape. Finance Council meets in two weeks.

Xavier: (Kelsey Worachek) There was one service project in Chicago reported.

Youth Ministry: (Tom Walsh) Activity is on-going, but unsure if anyone attended the FAITH FACTOR.

Liturgy: (Nancy Woods) There will be a Mission Collection; envelopes placed in pews went well, and this process may be used again. Brandon Barlow will speak Aug. 6-7 regarding the Seminarian Support. Since the Feast of Assumption will occur on a Monday, it is not considered a Holy Day of obligation. The 12:05 PM Mass will still be held at St. Joseph on that Monday. The Revised Roman text will be introduced in November; the new translation follows the Latin more precisely. Liturgy will provide catechesis regarding the changes, specifically in the *Gloria; Creed; Holy, Holy*. Music groups will meet regarding Mass revisions. The Interparish Outdoor Mass is scheduled for Aug. 20 at Pierce Park. Jeannette Piette will retire at the end of August after 30 years of ministry at St. Mary's. Receptions will be held for Jeannette after all Masses Sept. 10-11. Nancy Woods, Judy Meyer, Jan Collins, Cassie Demerath, and Denise Couture will assist with these recognition receptions for Jeannette.

PaCE [Parish Community Events]: (Luke Demerath) No report.

Adult Enrichment: (Donna VanGrinsven) Meeting is scheduled for next Monday

Stewardship: (Denise Couture) Met with Deacon Gerry who has optimized the format for emailing St. Mary news/bulletin. Currently 876 parishioners receive St Mary news/bulletin this way. The goal is to increase by 100. There is currently a 60% rate for those opening this email. The email provides weekly information and can connect people with those on committees. A cost savings is anticipated via the usage of email vs. hard copy. September 24 is Financial Stewardship weekend.

Catholic Central: No report.

Matthew 25: (Judy Meyer) The group visited the men's and women's COTS program as its summer educational event. Useful information was obtained to assist referral to these programs. \$500 was provided to COTS for a program aimed at assisting youth who are aging out of foster care.

New Business: Fr. Dave requests that we be aware of the following: There are no rumors regarding Catholic Central. He anticipates that the 2013 budget will be developed by Nov. 11. Board of trustees of all parishes will meet. Stewardship is being looked at and a Stewardship letter will go out Sept. 6 to all Appleton Catholics. The air conditioning is expected to be in by Aug. 5.

Next Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectively submitted:

Judy Meyer, Council Secretary