

St. Margaret Mary Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: April 26, 2023

Attendance: Fr. Arpee, Fr. Greg, Deacon René, Bruce Coughlan, Christina Mines, Rose Del Grosso, Mary Luciani, Marilyn Sturtevant, Sarah Mandarano, Mario Salvatore, Kim Drotar, Edna Moreno, Mary Mwalwanda (guest)

1. Parish Council Meeting Minutes
 - Currently only the Mar 29 minutes are posted on the website.
 - Going forward, we will keep all PC meeting minutes up on website so parishioners can access past meeting minutes.
 - Bruce will prepare a logbook for all meeting minutes to be kept in the office.
2. Update on Youth Ministry
 - The parish will send out a survey to the parishioners and associated schools about what young people are looking for in a youth ministry program, expectations to serve the youth better, etc. Ideas for questions from PC members are encouraged.
 - Survey will be available online through the parish website, and printouts will be distributed after Sunday Masses.
 - Survey will go out within a week and responses will be collected within 2-3 weeks. The survey can be filled out by youth and/or parents/guardians. Age will be asked in the survey.
 - Our guest, Mary Mwalwanda, sat in on the meeting and shared about how confirmation preparation has changed over the years. Many kids have empowered their families to have a meaningful relationship with the parish.
 - Youth Ministry Program will cater to children and youth (elementary to high school) or just youth (grade 7 to high school), depending on the survey responses.
 - The idea of hiring a youth minister (full-time or part-time) is still on the table. It has been suggested to contact HR of the Diocese for possible candidates.
3. Lost and Found Articles
 - A carpenter has been commissioned to build a simple trunk for lost and found items. Once a month, items that have not been claimed will be laid out after weekend Masses, and if they remain unclaimed will be donated or discarded.
4. Open Discussion
 - a) Pentecost Sunday – May 27/28, 2023
 - o Hospitality with birthday cake after all weekend Masses.
 - o PC members are requested to help out at whichever Mass they attend.
 - o Clergy to request that K of C move Porketta on a Bun to a different weekend.
 - b) Sung Vespers – Wednesday, May 31, 2023
 - o The community will gather for Sung Vespers in the evening (integrated with or following the 7 PM Mass).
 - o This will accompany the Statue of Our Lady Fatima coming to St. Margaret Mary as a stop on its journey to the homes of those going to World Youth Day. The community will gather to pray for the World Youth Day pilgrims.
 - o This is also in response to Pope Francis' call for Catholics to pray for the upcoming Synod on Synodality.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 1 at 7 PM