

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
February 25, 2016

Attendance: Mike Balla, Maureen Gipprich, Mark Hahn, Mike McElderry, Mary Murphy, Tony Rearden, Edrie Watson, Christa Weyant, Jay Yohn, Msgr. Ed Domin, Deacon John Stapleton, Father Brian Miller

The meeting began with a prayer.

Ministers of Hospitality

Deacon John Stapleton has contacted all team leaders of MOH to gather input about each team. The 4:30 and 7:30 Mass team leaders reported all is going well. He is waiting to get responses from the remaining team leaders. He is hoping to recruit more interested people during the Volunteer Appreciation Weekend in April.

Church Ministry Recognition

The Council, with the approval of Msgr. Domin, has planned an Appreciation Mass for all volunteers the weekend of April 16-17, 2016. A general invitation will be sent to inform all volunteers via the bulletin. Jay Yohn volunteered to design an invitation. Jay Yohn and Mary Murphy will co-chair the event. Coffee and Donuts will be served after each of the Masses on April 17, 2016. A Hospitality Sunday will be held each month starting in the fall of 2016.

Angel Tree Project

Edrie Watson reported that the St. Vincent de Paul Society "Angel Tree" in support of Catholic Charities of Reading will remain in the church year round. The tree will be placed in different sections of the gathering areas so parishioners are aware of their endeavor.

Parish Retreat

Mike Balla contacted the McGlenn Conference Center located adjacent to Alvernia University about hosting a parish retreat. There are available dates in the fall. Msgr. Domin asked him to lock in a date. More information will follow as plans are made by the Council.

Welcoming Pamphlets

Mike Balla ordered pamphlets that explain the Mass and various topics of our Catholic faith. They were placed in the gathering areas for our parishioners. There was such a great interest in them that Msgr. approved the purchasing of additional copies.

Social Hall Naming

The dedication of our social hall honoring Msgr. Joseph P.T. Smith was very successful. Msgr. Domin reported that Msgr. Smith was overwhelmed with the dedication. Maureen Gipprich is forwarding a photo and information concerning the dedication to the AD Times for publication.

.Council Recruitment

There will be vacancies on the Council at the end of June. Information will be placed in the bulletin for anyone considering the possibility of serving on the Council.

Parish Mission Speakers

The Council is looking ahead to having a Parish Mission in 2018. Father Brian Miller is going to contact potential speakers to see their availability.

Other Business

Christa Weyant spoke on behalf of St. Francis Home which is now under construction in Shillington. This home will provide compassionate care with dignity to people with terminal illnesses. She mentioned there will be a Friends of Francis Festival on March 26, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza to benefit this project. Our parish will also be supporting this project in March with our "Lenten Almsgiving" collection.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: April 28, 2016 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Maureen has the opening prayer.