

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 28, 2016

**Attendance:** Mike Balla, Mark Hahn, Mary Murphy, Tony Rearden, Edrie Watson, Christa Weyant, Jay Yohn, Msgr. Ed Domin, Deacon John Stapleton, Sister Teresa Ballisty

The meeting began with a prayer.

**Ministers of Hospitality**

Deacon John Stapleton has joined the effort with Maureen Gipprich to continue promoting the Ministry of Hospitality. Heather Keperling and Maureen are going to organize the list of volunteers according to Mass times. Deacon John plans to make contact with the MOH before each Mass to introduce himself.

**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, our parish website, and Facebook. Jay Yohn volunteered to design an invitation. Coffee and Donuts will be served after each of the Masses on April 17, 2016. Msgr. would like to have a "Coffee and Donut Sunday" 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 Mariawald Retreat Center in Shillington and the Jesuit Center in Wernersville about hosting a day retreat for our parish. Upon Sister Teresa's suggestion, he is going to check into the McGlenn Conference Center located at Alvernia University about availability for a parish retreat.

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Mike Balla reported that The Chaplet of Divine Mercy has been recited at 8:45p.m. every Monday evening prior to the closing of our weekly Adoration. About 15 people have been coming to pray the Chaplet. It is the hope of the Council that as the weather improves more people will attend.

**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 will be on February 20, 2016 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Maureen and Peter Gipprich have assumed the responsibility of getting a plaque to be hung above the hall door.

**Church Attic Storage Area**

The Knights of Columbus cleaned and removed the unnecessary items in the attic. Thank you Knights!

**Term Expirations**

There will be vacancies on the Council at the end of June. We will be actively seeking younger membership.

**Other Business**

Msgr. Domin feels that the Council is established well enough to begin bi-monthly meetings. We will meet in February and then bi-monthly.

Msgr. Domin asked the Council to begin searching for a Mission Retreat speaker. He would like to have another Mission in 2-3 years so it is important to secure someone and set a date.

At Msgr. Domin's request, the Council is going to focus on the music ministries of our Parish.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary C. Murphy  
Secretary

Next meeting: February 25, 2016 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Jay has the opening prayer.