

OUR LADY OF HOPE PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes –September 10, 2015

Present: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J., Cindy Russell (Acting Chair), Sr. Claire Pouliot, Andy Litcher, Mary Cafazzo, David Reese, Kristen Connelly

Excused: Michael Pizzo, Bill Burke

Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J. - Gospel for September 13 Mark 8:27-35

Minutes –.August minutes were approved & accepted

Updates:

- The Finance Council & Fr. Sullivan, S.J. will prepare a brief Financial Report of the Parish and an explanation of how the money from the sale of St. Patrick's will be handled. Fr. Sullivan, S.J. will give this report orally to the congregation at all the Masses in the next few weeks.
- Worship & Spirituality Committee – Have waited until Labor Day to get this Committee started.
- The Liturgical Ministry Training planning committee met with Fr. Sullivan, S.J. last night as a preempt to the Liturgical Ministry Training & Formation Day that is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th from 10AM to 2PM in the St. Pius X Hall. This Formation Day is for all interested parishioners who would like to become Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or Homebound Ministers as well as a renewal for all those now in these ministries so that all are doing the same procedures at all Masses.

Haiti Project: Fr. Sullivan, S.J. informed the Council of an invitation from Bill & Ursula Slavick to join them & the congregation of Sacred Heart/St. Dominic in assisting a small parish & school in Haiti. Fr. Sullivan, S.J. asked the Council for their thoughts on this project after explaining that we would be the workers only, not the organizers. Would the parish have any interest in this project? After a brief discussion among the Council Members the following ideas were agreed upon:

- 1) Connect St. Brigid School students with the students of the Haiti School thru writing, e-mail, etc.
- 2) Have a Parish fundraiser for the Haiti School
- 3) Have Bill & Ursula Slavick do a presentation on this project to our parishioners

Council Size –A member of the Council presented the name of a prospective new member for the Council. Fr. Sullivan, S.J. will reach out to this parishioner to see if he/she is interested in joining the council.

Current proposals – Worship & Spirituality Committee – A member asked how/what does this committee do. Fr. Sullivan responded that this committee would be seeking ways to help this parish grow, coordinating the liturgical worship for the different seasons of the liturgical year & help with changing the Liturgy. A small discussion ensued as to the ways some change could happen & enhance the Mass.

Reflections/Questions:

- Characteristics of a Parish Pastoral Council from a Parish Council to a Pastoral Council.

A discussion of various characteristics of a Parish Pastoral Council then ensued as to the needs & issues of our present Parish. Fr. Sullivan, S.J. then asked the Council to think & pray about how will we get this reflective idea/or events to work.

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month – **October 8th** @ 7PM in the Parish Office Rectory
The functions of the Buildings & Grounds Committee will be discussed at this meeting.

Closing Prayer: All, led by Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McCormack