

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Collart and opened with all saying the Parish Council Prayer. The minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting were approved as written having previously been emailed to all members. The names of the nine members present are listed at the end of the minutes.

PASTOR'S UPDATE – Father announced that he has received from Bishop Cunningham formal approval of the Mercy House project and passed around a draft of a tri-fold brochure highlighting the mission and objective of Mercy House (copy attached). Father also stated that a board of directors is in place and implementation of this project is progressing quickly. Father also announced the addition to the parish staff of Pam Peters who will be the new Pastoral Associate. Among her other duties, she will be chair of the Human Development Ministry. As to the financial results of the fish dinners, Todd Trencansky reported gross income of \$66,068 and expenses of \$40,064 resulting in a net profit of \$26,004. Father also made the following comments:

The dates of this year's bazaar are August 8 and 9;

The parish's HOPE Appeal goal has been increased to \$62,500;

At the bishop's request, the parish will have a seminarian in residence this summer starting in June;

A recent Fire Department inspection resulted in a couple of citations, one of which will require removal of stoppers on exit doors.

A diocesan audit was recently conducted and a report is expected soon.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Mike Zick, the parish's representative on the DPC gave a multipage presentation (copy attached) which outlined in some detail: (1) the status of the Pastoral Care Area program and its Focus Group's recommendations; (2) the workings of the Emmaus Program in Syracuse; (3) parish grants from the Heritage Campaign; and (4) the recent Right to Life March in Washington.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT – A draft (copy attached) of two proposals prepared by Bill Didas and Rick Cargill was briefly discussed but sentiment seemed to favor a briefer statement. Consideration was then given to the mission statement used by the parish in the past, namely "To Love as Jesus Loves". A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously carried that this statement be re-adopted by the parish as our Mission Statement.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – Peter Newman stated that although the Finance Committee has not recently met he could report that there has been no notable change in the parish's excellent financial condition since reported at our February meeting. As to capital expenditures, Peter stated that there is adequate funding to cover the projects outlined at the September 25, 2013 meeting one of which is the repaving of the parking lot for which three bids have been received. As to Mercy House, Peter noted that the Finance Committee has given its approval for the parish to undertake to guarantee a mortgage of approximately \$275,000 in connection with the purchase of the St. Casimir's church property by Mercy House from St. Joseph's Church. In addition, Father Clarence indicated that funds from the parish's Gerka Trust would be used in connection with the \$48,000 down payment needed to acquire this property.

PARISH MINISTRIES – Tom stated that the Human Development Ministry is currently conducting its spring clothing drive. He also asked for volunteers to staff the PPC table at the Ministry Fair to be held on June 7 and 8. As to Haiti, Tom related plans to return to that country bringing assistance for the people there in the form of laptop computers and water filtration systems. Tom also highlighted the Holy Name Society's 2014 donations to various CHF ministries and to its transportation to mass van service which is about ready to commence.

PPC MEMBERSHIP – Tom noted that there were no responses to the bulletin notice requesting youth member candidates but hopefully one will be chosen prior to the September PPC meeting.

PPC OFFICERS – In view of Nick Smedira's sentiments that after 15 years of service as secretary, it probably was time for another Council member to assume these duties, the president proposed the name of Council member Jacquelyn Newman as the new secretary for the Council. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Jackie Newman was elected secretary and will assume her office at the September meeting.

PARISH SURVEY – A summary of last year's parish survey, which is to be published in the bulletin, is currently under review by Father Clarence.

ADORATION CHAPEL – Todd Trencansky reported that although there are currently eight adorer vacancies he believes the chapel can continue to be open 24/7 as long as the tabernacle is covered when there is no adorer present.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Nick Smedira, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

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Claire Rodgers

Todd Trencansky

Lorraine Allore

Hope Hannon

Bill Didas

Bob Clune

Tom Collart

Nick Smedira

Father Clarence

Michael Zick – Diocesan Pastoral Council Representative

Peter Newman – Finance Committee Chair