

St Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

1-29-14

Members present: Scott Fleckenstein, David Hillier, Clint Leonard, Mike McCartney, Sherry McCarville, Mike Rimbey, Fr Will, Debbie Rinnel, Ric Serrano.

Absent: Jane Douglas, Walt Stenborg

1. Opening prayer
2. Pastors report
 - a. Building update: Soil sampling is happening. There will be no formal ground breaking. Fence going up and work beginning soon.
 - b. Final cost will be just over 1.5 million. This figure includes everything we asked for, including the canopy over walkway between buildings.
 - c. Fr Will and staff picked saint names for all the classrooms.
 - *The cry room...The Holy Family Room
 - *Classroom A... The Little Flower.
 - *Revamped front office...Frassati Room (After a young Italian saint who inspired youth.
 - *New conference room...Pope St John Paul II
 - *New small chapel...St Michael the Archangel
 - *Others include Kateri, John Vianney and Katherine Drexel
3. March for Life..

11 people from the young adults went with Fr Will (schools and the government shut down from cold but 500,000 people came anyway.
4. Financial update
 - a. Just over 1.5 m building costs, but tithing has been up since Christmas.
 - b. "Jesus Shock" was well received. Some new families registered for RE after reading the book. Fr Will considering another gift in the future.
5. Staff Lenten practice.
 - a. The office staff will each give one hour per week from their work time to spend in prayer.
 - b. Council will decide at our next meeting a way to join in prayer, fasting or almsgiving as a community during lent.
6. Invite someone to Mass (or to the speaker series)
 - * Discussion on how to build a parish culture for this.
 - *Possible ideas to explore in the near future: Ministry Fair (a lot of work) or monthly welcome after Mass (or night) for new parishioners

7. Pastoral Council

a. Commissioning Mass for current council: 9:30 Mass, February 23

*Public forum will assist in recruiting new members

b. New member recruiting (2 spots open up in July)

* We will announce it in the bulletin. Forms will be available on the website in March. Interested parties can fill them out and submit.

*Council will screen applications in April and vote at the May meeting.

8. Updates on committee reports

a. Evangelization

*Focus on Christ in the Eucharist, bring people to know Jesus Christ through Eucharistic adoration.

*Event possibilities...because of the great impact of Jesus Shock, possible giveaway at Easter

*Looking to find ways to focus on having the church be the center of our lives as parishioners.

9. Sacraments.

*Committee still forming. Meetings to be scheduled soon, with a report at next council.

Open Discussions:

*Stained glass idea from fall meeting was brought up. Fr Will learned that cost effectiveness and convenience suggests using statuary rather than windows, so we will not be exploring those for the new building.

10. Next meeting: Thursday February 27, at 7 pm at the rectory.