

St Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2014

Members present: Fr Chris Axline, Jane Douglas, Scott Fleckenstein, David Hillier, Clint Leonard, Mike McCartney, Sherry McCarville, Mike Rimbey, Debbie Rinell, Fr Will Schmid, Ric Serrano, Walt Stenborg

Guest: Steve Bird, Director of Parish Development

1. Opening Prayer
2. April Meeting minutes approved
3. Pastors Report:
 - A. A feasibility study has been approved by the Bishop. We have the money set aside (\$30,000 to \$40,000). Diocese will suggest a company who will advise on a capital campaign as well as suggest some potential donors.
 - B. Building an onsite rectory has been approved by the Bishop as well. This will be looked at after the current building project is completed.
 - C. The current building project is right on schedule, with an end point of mid-August. Renovations to the existing building will follow, beginning in mid September.
 - D. A new parochial vicar has been assigned by the Diocese to St Mary Magdalene. He is from Nigeria and his name is Fr Ishaya Samalia. His start date will be June 12.
 - E. Town of Gilbert signage controversy continues. They have not responded to Fr Will's requests to clearly define the terms of their laws. Council discussed a potential to add a digital sign sometime in the future which might lessen the ability to complain.
4. Evangelization Update: The committee is continuing to meet and pray about the next steps. Steve Bird is working on some brochures on adoration to assist in the education and outreach.
5. Sacraments Update: Will meet in June to finish discussing all 7 Sacraments, and will then come to the council with a "wish list."

* Fr Will noted that on Good Friday, he and Fr Chris heard confessions until the last person in line was served, a total of 5 and 1/2 hours. This is very encouraging about the thirst for reconciliation.

6. 2 Positions Opening on Pastoral Council

A. We had a good turnout in applications for the spots being vacated by Clint and Ric. 8 people responded and council members reviewed each applicant before the meeting.

B. After prayer and discussion, Council recommended 3 of the names to Fr Will. He will take it to prayer and make the final decision.

7. Next Meeting Planned for Thursday, June 19 at the rectory.

8. Closing prayer