

## Minutes

### Parish Council Church of the Holy Family

April 5, 2016  
7:30-9:00pm  
Parish House

**Attendees:** Liz Fracchia, Jim Payant, Richard Potticary, Megan Hatt, Linda Boothroyd, Cindy Mello, Phil LoBianco, Susan Magoon, Lori Masters, Mark Pasquale, Tom Loto

#### Agenda

##### Opening Prayer

**Featuring Ministries during the year of Mercy: April 24 - Parish Council Mass** Need a few words to say after the Eucharistic service before the end of mass. Jim can cover Saturday. Mark Pasquale might be able to do if no one comes forward. No one at the meeting was able to do it - Jim will send out an email to see if someone who wasn't present can do it. What will we talk about? This is the time of year when we'll be seeking nominations from the Parish to fill some vacancies. Take something from the by-laws about the purpose of parish council, how members are selected, that we meet monthly and the types of things we work on. We bring the parish together. Mark will work with Jim to draft what to say. We could put something up on the screen too. Something should go into the bulletin too. Mark and Jim will work on that too. Pictures of potluck, donut social, could go up on screen - maybe for next time. Susan is a maybe for making the announcement on the 24th.

Upcoming featured ministries:

May - Susan Social Justice

May Bob - Hospitality

June - Megan - CRE

**Father Rob's reception April 16 after 5pm mass:** Something more than cake and cookies, since after 5pm mass, fruit, veggie, meatballs. Caring Clown ministry will be featured that weekend. Nicole will speak, Linda and Lenore will dress up. Phil will help Christine Turco. Linda will call Christine to coordinate what food Father Michael wants. Linda & Bob will go shopping.

**Mother's Day donuts after 9:30am mass? May 8.** Just need volunteers to put on a couple pots of coffee and cut up donuts. Lori Masters will do. Jim can pre-order donuts at Dunkin donuts. No CRE that day. Richard and Linda may be able to help.

**Ad hoc Sub-Committee to be formed to organize nominations and appointments:** When we get the nominations before the appointments are announced, look at ballots, speak to father Michael, call nominees to see if they accept, before Pentecost - May 15. Jim and Mark will work on announcement for 23/24 and bulletin announcement. May 1 to the 8th look at ballots, talk to father Michael and place calls so that's done by May 8th. Box and the announcement will go out the week before the announcement. Get something in bulletin and get box out as soon as possible. Maybe Facebook announcement. First opportunity for bulletin is next weekend 16/17. Talk is following week - nominations will be due by May 8. Note for next year - consider Palm Sunday/Easter Vigil announcements. Take away the box after the 8th. Father pulls names out Pentecost weekend. Leave paper/pencil by box. Include in announcement ok to nominate yourself. 3 at large and 1 appointed slot open this year. Phil and Linda will help call nominees.

**Medical Professional Volunteers needed at mass to support greeters:** Idea is for medical professionals to notify greeters that they are at mass and where they will be sitting. Many

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churches have a volunteer medical ministry. Could have a little book for greeters with pictures of resources, so greeters can identify them. Where are first aid kits? Do we have any emergency medical policies? Question of liability was raised. Answer: Good Samaritan law, if you're acting in good faith in an emergency, you are protected and so is institution asking for volunteers. Should be a first aid kit in front and back of church, readily available so all volunteers know where it is. Medical volunteers would let greeters know they are there. What about reserved seating for medical volunteers? Ask them to take an aisle seat. Ask them to have a phone on the ready to call 911. Dedicate a specific area to take an individual who needs medical attention. Make sure there is always an available folding chair in the Narthex. Need a new committee for this ministry. Start as emergency response ministry. Could expand into broader more holistic medical ministry. Need things like sugar for fainters, or juice. Put a question in bulletin, work into Parish Council announcement - our newest initiative. We will have 2-3 minutes. Liz will take a lead on this. Stop and see greeters on the way out - name and contact information. Greeters should be prepared with paper/pen. Does Saint Columba have this ministry? No, not yet. We should contact them about a joint effort. Also seeking parishioners who don't have medical training for assistance with this ministry. Topic for next Joint Council meeting.

#### **Joint Parish Council Opportunities:**

**Susan - Picnic:** No traction. Need to talk again at next joint parish council meeting. Father Michael thought we could do something here at our parish on the grounds after Sun 9:30 mass. Father Michael did like the potluck and wanted to do that again. We gave up the June date for the healing mass. What about May 14th? Could do s'mores with outdoor fire after a summer potluck. We will check and see if hall is available for May 14. Jim will check with Roger tomorrow. Who will organize this one? Liz can help. Susan and Adam can switch over to work on Potluck instead of Picnic. Susan can use the Parish Council Corner format to announce potluck.

Baseball game? Are you allowed to tailgate at Dodd Stadium? Think they have an area we could do a picnic. They have a barbeque thing you can do for a fee. Don't think there's any tailgating. They want you to buy the food there.

Senior Luncheon? Look towards early fall activity. Susan can try to find someone to spearhead, can't do during the workday. Maybe another item for Joint Council meeting.

**Megan - Photo Directory:** Can we go back to LifeTouch with the negative feedback? Or get them to build into the contract that if they get off schedule by a certain amount of time they agree to hand out order forms instead of making people order at the same time as pictures. Can we negotiate to arrange a different deal? Like people get number to order after sitting? Variable rate from free to pay based on how many people order? Megan to follow up with LifeTouch and Directory committee.

**Joint Dinner/Dance?** Susan hasn't been able to get anywhere. Another item for next joint meeting. We can invite them to the May 14 potluck. Bulletin announcement for joint potluck? "As always, members of both parishes are invited..."

**Tom Griffin Ordination:** Saturday ordination at the Cathedral. Cathedral is putting on reception. He does not want a Saturday night reception. On Sunday 26th he is doing 12:15

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mass at Holy Family . His family wants to be responsible for the food. Asked Linda to do a couple of posters - one at Holy Family and one at Saint Columba for sign ups so people know how many people to expect. Katie Chanski will make a cake. Don't need hospitality, but we do need people to set up, decorate, and clean up. Reserved Fri, Sat & Sun. Everything to be white. Need to figure out decorations for the hall. If weather is nice would like people to go outside, play games, etc. Decorate Gazebo? Linda is the lead with Tom - will email Parish Council what is needed, what times. Still in the planning stages.

**Next tentative Potluck - September 17:** In July Jim will send out email to group.

**June Meeting:** Do we want to meet in June? Yes June 7. Would be a good idea to welcome new members of Parish Council. New and Old. Refreshments. No major business. Discuss August Soup Kitchen.

**Habitat Flyers:** Teams of 5. Unlimited number of teams. There's a list of potential dates - the group of 5 can book their own date. The 5 assist 20 onsite people. Would Parish Council like to form a team of 5?

**Soup Kitchen:** Parish Council to do a meal at the soup kitchen? Third week in August? Richard would be interested. We will have 4 new members. How many people needed? About 6-8. Whoever commits to the meal, decides what to serve. Get the food donated. Example - Frozen Lasagnas. Will be summer, so could do grills, fried chicken, barbeque or hamburgers/hot dogs. Could be team building exercise with new members. We take the lead for the 3rd quarter for the parish. Serve 70-80 people. Susan will sign up Parish Council for leading.

**ARKS** - Not a huge success. Maybe next year have people who did it this year share to help publicize. Need more reminders. People forgot about it. Also, maybe prefer an opportunity to put gifts in ARK privately. A little confusing about putting money in an ark when you do a random act of kindness. It's more of a quiet gesture and then very public to come up and put money in the ark. More likely to donate money to sponsor a camper. Is there an opportunity to still ask for straight donations to increase number of camper sponsorships?

**Announcement April 19** there will be a panel discussion on faith formation after the 7pm mass.

**Relics:** Mark would like to see us do Relics of the Passion program for Lent next year. A one day or night program. 9 different pieces (relics) that tie back to the story of the Passion. Best ones involve music and a lot of participation. St. Mary's had each ministry walk into each of the Relics. Reworking for next year and want to do with prayers and music from Mary's perspective, tie into liturgy. Mark has written to Dottie, Ashley, Nicole. Would need to reach out early.

**Next Meeting:** May 3 - Joint Parish Council. Here in Holy Family Hall. We should do refreshments.

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