

**St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for October Meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2008**

In Attendance: Fr. Gardner, Gail Florea, Margie King, Jenni Petrey, Mike Gehring, Pat Hendricks, George Hilleary, Tony Peter, Susan Zapf, Carol Wright, Wilma McGlasson, Dale Foley

Opening Prayer

Not Present: All Present

September Minutes: Approved

Fr. Gardner's Report:

- There has been one funeral liturgy since the last meeting.
- There are still a number of construction/remodel projects to be completed at Our Lady of Grace School, such as the library, kitchen expansion, and the modular setup. Our former classrooms 9 & 8 are temporarily being used for the sorting of books until the new OLG library is ready. Father attended OLG's opening liturgy with Archbishop Pilarczyk on Sept. 5. He has also presided at two school liturgies on Sept. 23 & 25. His next turn as celebrant will be at an all school Mass on Thurs. Oct. 23 with a Mission theme.
- The Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner took place on Sept. 13. It was a good evening for all who attended. The festival committee presented Father with a check for \$25,000 representing the net profits from this year's festival. Thanks to everyone involved in the planning of the Appreciation Dinner and the evening and for everyone who gives their time for our parish.
- Father attended a meeting with members of the Bereavement Ministry. They discussed the needs of the ministry, reviewed procedures and policies and scheduled plans for the annual All Souls Day observance. The specific liturgy will be at the Sat. vigil Mass for All Souls.
- There is a need for volunteers to assist with our Bingo and the local St. Vincent de Paul program. Appeals will be made in the coming days. Tasks are varied and both men and women, at least 18 yrs of age are needed and welcome.
- There will be two special collections this month; Respect Life Sunday (Oct. 4/5) and World Mission Day (Oct.18/19).

Faith Formation: Report submitted by Wilma

- There are currently 5 children preparing for First Reconciliation which will take place on Thurs., Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm during the parish's Advent Penance Service.
- There are 10 candidates for Confirmation, which will take place at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Wed., Mar. 18.
- The Sunday Pre-School Program resumes on Sun., Oct. 5 during the 10:30 am Mass. Nancy Garcia will be the teacher. One or two additional adults are needed to help with the program, assisting with crafts and other activities, ideally in a rotating monthly schedule or whatever time they can give.
- The CCD program which meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 is doing well. There are 5 students. Any adult help for this program would be appreciated.
- Y.E.S. has decided to meet every Sunday at 6:00 pm for scripture study, outreach planning and socialization. They will be collecting clothing for the Mary Magdalen House the weekend of Oct. 11 & 12. Information will be in the bulletin this week.
- The next video session for the Child Protection Program will take place on Mon., Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm.
- There was a large response of St. MM volunteers for the St. Paul Church Community Dinner which took place on Sept. 29. There was also an overabundance of desserts. Extras were frozen for use at future dinners. The help is greatly appreciated by the St. Paul Community. Our parish's next service date is Tues., Dec. 30.
- There are currently no candidates for this year's RCIA program. The committee will continue to meet as needed. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Roman Catholic faith can contact Wilma in the Faith Formation Office, 729-0222.
- The Liturgy and Rites Workshop has begun. There are 19 people attending, most of whom are from the parish. The presenter, Fr. Tim Kallaher, is doing a wonderful job.
- There will be a Morning of Prayer and Reflection on Sat. Nov. 1. for all St. MM liturgical ministers and any parishioners who are interested in the liturgical ministries. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 am followed by a presentation by Mary Sellars Malloy from 10:00 am to noon. All who plan to attend should register at the Parish Office, 521-7387.

Worship Commission: Dale Foley reported

- The most recent meeting took place on Sept. 25.
- Members met with the Bereavement Team on Sept. 9.
- Blessing of the Catechists took place at the Masses the weekend of Sept. 20/21.
- Upcoming activities for the month of October include the continuation of the lecture series on "Liturgy and Rites" on Oct. 1, 8, & 15; 8:00 am Mass to celebrate the parish's Patronal Feast day on Thurs., Oct. 16; World Mission Sunday, Oct.18/19; All Saints Mass at 9:00 am on Sat. Nov. 1 followed by Morning of Prayer and Reflection until noon; All Souls on Nov. 1/2 with commemoration of deceased parishioners to take place at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday.
- Worship Commission has recommended that the schedule of Christmas Masses be Dec. 24, 4:30 pm and 10:00 pm and Dec. 25 at 10:00 am.
- The Worship Team has recommended that a study be initiated to determine if it is architecturally and financially feasible to make changes to the parish worship space to make it more functional and hospitable to the current ministries and congregation. Specifics will be presented after further discussion.
- Next meeting is Oct., 23 at 7:00 pm.

Building and Grounds:

- Work has started on the replacement of walkways and entrances to the church building. The ramp has been completed but still needs to have a railing added. Work will begin on the front entrance next.
- The wind storm caused some minor damage to the roof shingles which will be replaced. Otherwise, just some branches down.
- Still accepting bids to complete the needed work on the drainage system.
- There have been some handicap parking spaces added to the lot. There are a total of three now.

Finance: Carol Wright reported

Contribution envelopes have been delayed in the mail this month. The post office has been contacted and they are trying to determine when they will arrive.

Youth Ministry: Gail reported

- The parish youth attended the Mt. Healthy Christian Home to assist with bingo on Sept. 20.
- Parky's Farm event is Sat., Oct. 25. Parish families will meet at 6:30 pm at the barn.
- Next PYO meeting is on Oct. 13 at 7:00 pm.

Our Lady of Grace Regional School Update:

- OLG's first Walk-a-thon will take place this Fri., Oct. 3.
- Jenni attended the most recent OLG Athletic Association meeting. She asked for permission to temporarily store OLG spirit wear stock in an unused classroom. Ordering will take place online and she will fill orders from the stock so no one will be coming and going from the building as was originally discussed. Permission was granted.

St.MM Education Commission: Wilma reported

- Wilma's programs were reviewed.
- PLAN items will be presented at the next meeting so that they can start to incorporate them into future planning.

New Business - Renaming of School Building

Naming nomination forms will be in the pews this weekend to be returned by Oct. 13.

P.L.A.N. - Parish Future Planning Update:

Those who signed up to be included in planning for the new Social Committee and Welcoming Committee will be contacted and asked to attend a formation meeting. Gail will coordinate and facilitate this meeting, explaining the PLAN committee's objectives for both groups. Margie will assist Gail.

Closing Prayer: Gail Florea

Next PC meeting: November 6 at 6:30 pm in Rm 21.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz