

SMOTH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Parish Hall, 5:30 PM
3/25/2014

Attendees: Jennifer Bovitz, Katie Conner, Rhee Fincher, Steve Givens, Martha Kearns, Ken Maleck, Walter Moore, Jim Purcell, Fr. Jerry Ragan

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM and began with prayer.

School Commission

- Grace scholarships – The funding allocated to SMOTH for AY 2015 is only \$34K, decreased from \$64K in AY 2014.
- The Pastoral Council discussed the recommendations of the School Commission for new members. Steve Hagler and Charles Whatley will be asked to serve another 3-year term; Steve will be asked to serve as chair and Charles as vice chair. Rhee Fincher completes her terms as chair (6 year) and remains on the Commission, Bequi Coar begins the second year of her first term. John Strelec would like to continue to serve as a “senior statesman” on the Commission. The ex-officio members are Joe McBride (SMS principal), Mary Beth Mitchell (SMS vice principal), and Fr. Jerry Ragan. The table shows recommendations for new members of the Commission and committee assignments (not all committee members will be members of the Commission):

Fr. Jerry and Joe McBride will be asked to shorten the list to 5-6 new members; others may be strong candidates for the School Commission in the future or the Stewardship Commission now

Recommendations for Membership on the School Commission and Its Committees				
Approved by Pastoral Council				
Name	School Commission	Marketing & Public Relations Committee	Stewardship & Development Committee	Comments
Maureen Lewis	x	x		Ex-officio; Michael Lammers = alternate
Alicia Ramage	x	x		Website contributions, SMS welcome cmtte chair, Ft. Gordon connection
Kim Welsh	x			School parent
Kyle McArdle	x		x	Former PTO president; stewardship expertise
Chris Sweeney	x	x		School parent; website contributions
Rob Johnson	x		x	School parent
Jan LaFrance	x			Extensive experience as educator in public/Catholic schools
Deacon Brian & Penny Goodman	x	x		Ft. Gordon connection; benefit of deacon on commission (appoint as 1 position)
Terri Vigna	x	x		St. Teresa member and secretary; primary contact re: SMS

Following will be asked to serve on a committee, but not on the School Commission				
Name	School Commission	Marketing & Public Relations Committee	Stewardship & Development Committee	Comments
Venus Griffin		x		Real estate connection with new families
Ann Marie McManus		x		Real estate connection with new families
Jordan Watwood			x	CSC connection
Tommy Rose			x	CSC connection
Mike Brown		x		
Johnny Markwalter		x		
Mike Brown		x		
Greg Boulus		x		
Deacon Al Sullivan			x	Recently hired as stewardship development leader for SMS

A new development person will be hired part-time to lead the development initiatives at SMS. This person will serve on the Stewardship and Development Committee, but not on the Commission.

Stewardship Commission

- Mark Williams and Steve Givens re-starting project to produce a DVD welcoming new members to SMOTH; expected to be complete by fall 2014
- Commission needs a couple of new members; may be selected from list of potential School Commission members

Pastoral Council: Relationship of PC with Commissions

- Finance: Finance Commission and Dori Thorstad manage budget details; Council should provide broad, high level strategic input (e.g., want to turn bond collateral into an endowment fund) but not have a role in approving the budget. Recommendation endorsed.

Strong Catholic Families initiative

- Works of Mercy Saturday (3/22/2014) was successful with about 40 families participating in putting faith in action to serve those in need
- World Meetings of Families will be held every 3 years; the next will be in Philadelphia in 9/2015. Pope Francis is expected to come (will be confirmed this week).

Pastor's Varia

- SMOTH priest personnel
 - Fr. Jerry and Fr. Tom Murphy's contracts have been extended for one year; therefore, there are no priest changes expected for 2014-2015
 - Fr. Charlie's 60th anniversary of priesthood is expected to be held on 5/21/2014 with Mass at 5:15 followed by a covered dish celebration (likely will double as a farewell celebration)

- Fr. Jerry's 35th anniversary of priesthood is 5/19/2014; he expressed interest in taking the PC out to dinner, but the PC decided to take him to dinner instead
- Parish Mission feedback (Ennie Hickman): Fr. Jerry was pleased with the parish mission; he and others received considerable positive feedback; the concept of Lenten parish mission has been well received and Fr. Jerry plans to continue it
- Jana-King will no longer provide custodial services; the services will be brought in-house
- Deacon Al Sullivan – Hired part-time for Stewardship
- Pastoral Council liaison to Worship Commission – Eric McArdle uniformly recommended

Agenda items for next meeting – 5/19/2014

- Review of council and commission membership
- *The Story of a Catholic Parish Rebuilt* distributed to the Council to read in preparation for 5/19/2014 discussion
- Budget
- Organizing of Community and Faith Groups

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher
Recorder

Next meeting: 5/19/2014