

**St. Martha Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 2017**  
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**Present:** Father Mike, Sister Anita, Chair Jim Collom, Monica Dowell, Mike Horvath, Jean Jorgensen, Annie Bennett, Jackie Rosalez, Mike Bobinski, Ron Styka, Secretary David Flint, Deacon John Finn, Don Morgan, Doug Hunter, John Rue

**Absent:** Soraya Nowland, Vice-Chair Judi Smelser, Deacon Carl Boehlert

**Meeting began** at 6 pm with an opening prayer and dinner

**Business**

- \* **24 Hours for the Lord** will be held March 9/10, 2018. Jim Collum will obtain and send to the PPC the information that the Diocese has on how they would like each Parish to host this event. How Saint Martha will participate in this celebration will be discussed at latter meetings.
- \* **Family Mass/Rosary:** Sunday, October 29, beginning at 9:30 am. The K of C, PPC, CCW, REP, and Saint Martha School will each be doing a decade of the Rosary. Please contact Mike Bobinski on who will be leading the Rosary for each organization.
- \* **Building update by Don Morgan:** Work is progressing on schedule and Don is happy with the progress. Most of the inspections were completed today. 80% of the drywall in the lower level is complete. A potential opening date for the building is December 22, 2017. On November 5, there will be walk through tours for the Parish after the 8 and 10 am Masses to show off the progress. The gym floor has been decided and it will be the Teraflex flooring system. It is being used nationwide by major universities and schools. This system will not require a covering to be placed on it if the floor is used for a non-sporting event. The floor will look like a hardwood floor and will have lines for volleyball and basketball. Don will look into putting the Saint Martha logo on the floor at center court and what the cost would be. Don contacted 3 companies for landscaping proposals. It looks like Redwood Landscaping will be doing the work. He hopes it will be installed this fall weather permitting. Don had landscaping plans to show us but the power went out in the building and we were unable to view them.
- \* **Mass of Explanation** was discussed. Father Mike says this has been discussed in other Committees and he likes the idea. He would like to do it at a Wednesday night Mass and/or a Sunday 5 pm Mass. He will be setting a date in the future.
- \* **Mass of Installment** will be held November 29, 2017 for Father Mike as our official Pastor. The Bishop will be present and officiating.
- \* **Financial Committee Report:** It was asked if the Finance Committee could give a report to the PPC. Father Mike agrees and he will decide who should be presenting this report and how frequently it will happen. The Finance Committee has read rights now over all transactions related to the Parish. The Parish is currently not making mortgage payments on the 2 million dollar old balance we have with the Diocese. No interest is accruing on this loan at this time. This was agreed to by the Diocese and will continue until the legal and insurance process is completed on the case against Father Jon.

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- \* **Advent Discussion:** The newly formed Education Commission will be working with Saint Martha School and the Religious Education Program (REP) to organize service projects for the Advent season for the entire Parish to participate in. They want to have these service projects be a way to unite the entire Parish together because Father Mike wants our advent activities to have a theme of **One Parish**. Gift cards and household goods will be collected for teens to use through St. Vincent Catholic Charities. REP is working with Angel Tree Ministries where they are given 25 names of children who have a parent in prison and gifts are purchased for the children. This is organized by the Diocese. The service projects are trying very hard to not be in conflict with the Giving Trees which will be done as in the past. The final themes for Advent will be discussed at future PPC meetings and we will be trying to tie them in with the FORM website that the Parish purchased for parishioners to use. Suggestions for the Advent themes should be emailed to Jackie. One suggestion that was discussed was to have Parish members write a story of how they are celebrating Advent and publish their stories in the bulletin along with a family picture.
- \* **Christmas Discussion:** Mass schedule is Saturday, December 23 - 5pm; Sunday, December 24 - 10 am, 5pm, 7pm, and 10pm; and Monday, December 25 - 10 am. Father Mike wants the Church to be decorated with trees, wreaths, and poinsettias, and would like to have greeters at each of the Christmas Masses because of having many non-parishioners attending. Diocese will be having a campaign **Catholics Coming Home** during the Advent season. Discussion was had about the Children's Mass at 5 pm Christmas Eve. There will not be a pageant as in previous years during Mass. Father Mike is open to having a pageant prior to the Mass or at a different day or time. A final decision on what will occur for a possible children's pageant will be decided at a later date.
- \* **Meeting Schedule for PPC:** Move the November 2, 2017 meeting to November 6, 2017 at 7 pm.
- \* **Confession Schedule:** Father Mike is going to adjust the schedule for confessions. He is considering Saturday's before Mass, Monday's after the am Mass, and Wednesday's after the evening Mass.

**Closing Prayer:** Our Father

**Meeting ended** at approximately 8:30 pm with no power in the building to tell what time it was exactly.