

**Mary Queen of Peace
Interim Parish Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 12, 2015**

Members Present:

Dan Hunt, Marc Macke, Mike Haben, Norb Zahler, Mary LeClaire, Chris Rickert, Barb Timm, Wade Lovelette, Nicole Baker, Norb Zahler

Members Absent:

Robin Hemmesch, Cathy Kornovich

Also Present:

Jim Burkett, Stewardship Committee

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:35pm

Minutes were approved

Jim updated the advisory committee on the progress the Stewardship committee has made over the last couple of years. Debi Koshiol and Jim worked with Father Backer as well as attended stewardship conferences, working toward increasing parishioner giving. Jim was seeking the advisory committees guidance as far as moving forward with the stewardship committee, specifically at this point, providing current automatic withdrawal participants with a monthly packet of envelopes, inviting them to give additionally beyond their currently monthly giving. At the present time, parishioners enrolled in automatic withdrawal do not receive a monthly packet of envelopes; therefore, do not have access to the special envelopes within the monthly packets. Providing them a special packet will give them the opportunity to leave an envelope in the weekend collection as well as possibly increase their giving overall. After a discussion, the interim parish advisory committee agreed to have Jim proceed.

Each advisory committee member gave updates on the ministries they were representing. Updates included what was currently going on in the ministry, what was upcoming and areas the ministries are succeeding at or need help.

Parish Mission:

Chris Rickert shared a presentation things to consider when adopting a parish mission.

Why people attend Mary Queen of Peace

- Location - geographically close

- History
- Traditional
- Sacramental

Unique Strengths of Mary Queen of Peace

- School as a ministry
- Traditional Catholic facilities/atmosphere
- Close Knit (however sometimes hard to get in)
- Preaching (all the time)

Mission Statement Should Be Core Purpose and Calling of a Parish

- Catholic
- Living in community with one another in Christ
- Persevere and uphold traditional Catholic values
- Foster/provide personal relationship and growth with Christ
- Celebrate unique parish history and future
- Calling on God to lead
- Under guidance/with assistance of our blessed Mother, Mary Queen of Peace

Chris will email committee samples of other parish's mission statements for their review and possible action of adopting a parish mission at next meeting.

Committee discussed why we don't have a deacon to assist the pastor at Mary Queen of Peace. There are many areas a deacon would be beneficial, especially in the absence of a pastor. Carol informed them you need to request a deacon at the Archdiocesan level. The diaconate program was put on hold a few years ago to reassess the program. It is now active again with a diaconate ordination in May.

Council will recommend to the trustees to request a deacon from the Archdiocese.

Communication:

Advisory Committee will request George address the parishioners at all weekend Masses, specifically where the Julie Rouillard case is. Parishioners may not know, Mary Queen of Peace has hired an accountant to ensure the same with Julie doesn't happen again. Open communication will foster trust with parishioners and hopefully increase donations.

Music:

In reviewing the Grow Survey that was completed last spring, it is clear, parishioners would like to see a change in the music at weekend Masses. Parishioners would like:

- A variety of music at Masses
- A contemporary Mass, possibly with guitar music

- More cantors, small group choirs, men's choir, etc.

Dan will discuss with George Gmach and with his permission, Dan and Barb will meet with Dianna to discuss.

Draft Letter to Parishioners:

Barb presented a draft letter to be sent to each registered member of Mary Queen of Peace. The goal of the letter is to do census to see who is or would like to remain a member and who has left the parish. This information will be used to update the parish database with email addresses to foster communication with parishioners through eblasts with important information or possibly a month newsletter. It will also include parishioner professions to enable us to possibly enlist volunteers for specific parish needs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2015, 6:30pm in the Paulette Hamm Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lutgen