

**St. Mary Student Parish
Parish Council Meeting
September 9, 2019
7-8:30pm**

Attendance: K. Romero, L. Brito, D. Belmonte, B. Balicki, P. McLaughlin, L. McLaughlin, M. Peterson, A. McCann, J. MacDonagh-Dumler, Hannah, A. Morris, F. Hinojosa, L. Florence, Steve S, Emily W, A. Block

I. Opening Prayer - S. Ricoy

II. Approve May Minutes - Approved electronically. New members were informed on the process for taking, reviewing, and approving meeting minutes. S. Ricoy will email link to all members to complete personal profile and photo for the Parish Council website.

III. Introductions

IV. Mentor Program Update (D. Belmonte) - D. Belmonte proposed making announcements to introduce and promote the program after masses. September and October after each mass, a PC member would make the announcement, invite participation, and host an information table in the Atrium. Be sure to include retirees. He will draft an electronic form for interested parishioners/alumni to provide their personal and professional information. This will include topics of interest and expertise they are willing to share with students. In November, the team will review applications, review/select/match mentors. J. Gartland: application/sign up form needs to include affiliation with SMSP. D. Belmonte confirmed that the form and review process will verify parish membership. L. Brito: personal information must be kept secure, especially when people are submitting resumes/CVs. After being matched with a mentor, students will arrange meeting time/place. Student and mentor will determine frequency of meetings. Students can also connect with different mentors for different questions/topics. Team will plan and host meetings for all of the mentors and students to meet each other and discuss the process. J. Dumler: Be sure to support mentors, since they are on a journey as well. Make this a learning/developmental experience for mentors as well as students. D. Belmonte: need to identify PC members/other appropriate parishioners to participate in mentor training/support. December: provide information to all selected mentors and interested students. January. kick-off with an event for mentors/students to meet each other and network. K. Romero will translate the announcement and mentor information for Spanish speakers.

V. Pastor's Update (Fr. Jim) - Northfest and Festifall were very successful. Increase in new students expressing interest in SMSP. Two new staff members: Fr. Mark Mossa, S.J., Director of Campus Ministry; Anna Boesch, Campus Minister. The parish is laying the groundwork for a capital campaign in preparation for our centennial. In May, the parish hosted a reception celebrating parishioners with 20 or more years of service to the parish, which generated ideas/suggestions for the future of the parish; D. and K. Eagle also hosted a reception for

long-time and significant donors to the parish. Guests shared the unique attributes, desires, and needs of the parish. Parish staff interviewed five firms to organize the capital campaign. Two finalists will be selected to present to staff, and Parish and Finance Council members. An estimated goal is \$5-6 million, with an estimated duration of 12-15 months. Funds will go to necessary repairs/refurbishment of the church in preparation for our centennial, as well as ministry programs. Roof Update: estimated completion September 13th. Safety and Security: the security system was installed last year. The immediate focus is now for Emergency Evacuation Plan and installation of an AED in the church. Suggestion was made to offer Red Cross CPR training for parishioners. Fr. Jim intends to be present after every mass, to meet new members, check in with parishioners, and make stronger connections. Pastoral staff will start sharing responsibilities for weddings and baptisms, and expand baptisms to Saturdays.

VI. Other/ Future Business - The Council will first attend to: liturgical ministry, music ministry, and creating a welcome environment; then work to expand Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Small Church Communities. Work to fill existing needs in liturgical ministry, especially ushers. Pay attention to needs of specific masses. Welcoming environment: PC members are encouraged to connect with S. Manney and M. Zebrowski-Rocheleau to develop ideas. Music Ministry: Music Coordinator K. Berger meets with Fr. Joe monthly to clarify expectations and make improvements. Travis is recruiting more students to join music groups. L. Brito volunteered to assist with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

VII. Next Meeting - October 21 - reassess liturgical ministry needs and report on progress of mentoring program. J. Dumler will lead opening prayer.

VIII. Meet and Greet Check-In and Catch Up

XI. Adjournment - 8:30pm