

Meeting Minutes of February 10th, 2025

Attendees: Fr. Joseph Pham, Fr. Alfred Mungujakisa, Frank Gramenzi, Richard Macdonald, Jim McGuinness, Pedro Guzman, Ellie Kandle, Lisa Rice
In Absentia: Sr. Michele DiGregorio, Al Pissanelli

Opening Prayer

Newly Elected Parish Council Membership

- Vice President – Jim McGuinness
- Secretary – Lisa Rice

Review minutes from previous meeting - 10/15/24

Called for More - Disciple Maker Index Survey

- Survey was conducted from July 30th – September 3rd, 2024
- 162 respondents
- Results showed a need for improvement in 2 key areas within our parish:
 - A children’s program
 - Update the songs in our music ministry/choir to attract more youth
- Need to form 3/4-person team to analyze/summarize the results to present to council - Rich Macdonald, Jim McGuinness and Ellie Kandle agreed to do the analysis

Eucharist Revival - Eucharistic Processions

- Feedback
 - Contact parishioners in advance
- Upcoming
 - **Palm Sunday** - April 13, 2025 at St. Margaret – Palm Procession
 - **Corpus Christi** - June 22, 2025 at St. John Vianney
 - Plan for multiple (preferable 3) Altars along the route
 - Denise Dietrich will help coordinate the SJV processions
- Promotion for processions
 - **Reminder:** Put banners out the weekend prior to the procession
 - **Reminder:** Remove banners the weekend of the procession
 - Flyer in bulletin (Rich)
 - Altar announcements (1 to 2 weeks prior)
 - Email to Ministries (including Altar Servers)
 - Instructions from Ambo prior to exposition and procession
- Additional needs
 - Jim will handle the banners as well as arranging the walking route and the car for Fr. Pham
 - Check List (items needed)

Monstrance (for SJVC)	Banner pole/stand from KofC	Cooler & water
Canopy (for SJVC)	Cart & straps	
Parish banner	Speaker, mics (& batteries)	

Adoration

- First Fridays
 - Kevin Rice now coordinating schedule - requires some follow-up each month
- Need to encourage Adoration for SMRS school children
 - Setup schedule by grade on Fridays, 15 mins, during Religion class (except First Fridays - School Mass)
- Need to create a pamphlet explaining the significance of Adoration
 - Jim McGuinness update
 - 3 Parts - Thank you, Lord. Teach me, Lord. Take over, Lord.

Faith Formation/Bible Study

- The Chosen
 - Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night 12/12/24 was well received
 - Currently watching Season 4 and will finish before Lent (2/28 last episode)
- Every Friday starting March 7th and throughout Lent
 - Lectio: The Case for Jesus with Dr. Brant Pitre (9 episodes)
- Need program for children
 - **URGENT - Need leader (e.g. Peter Guafason?)**
 - Consider Formed resources
 - Consider catering to different age groups
 - Come up with a structured program
 - Newer music roster to engage children & young adults

Lenten Activities

- The Passion of the Christ (in St. Margaret Church)
 - Scheduled – Sunday, March 2, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
 - Repeated – Sunday, March 23, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
 - Soup and Scripture – begins 3/7/25 @ 5:30 PM in the Ministry Center and continues throughout Lent
 - Lectio: The Case for Jesus with Dr. Brant Pitre (9 episodes)
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays (flyer ready in a couple of weeks)
 - Every Friday in Lent (except April 4, 2025) @ 7:00 PM in St. Margaret Church
 - Living Stations of the Cross – Religious Education
 - Friday, April 4, 2025 @ 7:00 PM in St. Margaret School Gym
 - Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 - Friday April 11, 2025 @ 7:00 PM (school parking lot)
 - Live Station of the Cross procession
 - Consider man who carries a cross on Woodbury-Glassboro Rd; he lives in Jericho neighborhood of Deptford
 - Schedule during the daytime rather than evening because of the darkness
 - No action taken at this time
- Witness Crosses
 - Saturday, March 1, 2025 – Make 400 more crosses (SMS parking lot)

Other topics?

- Presentation on Eucharistic Miracles and on Relics of Saints
- SMS Carnival – May 19th to May 25, 2025

Schedule next meeting: May 5, 2025 @ 7 p.m. in the Ministry Center

Closing prayer: Fr. Al