

**Church of St Monica
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
April 8, 2014**

In Attendance: Fr Alex Enriquez, Dcn Mike Principato, Linda Thompson, Mike Hintenach, Cheryl Bottega, Kim Merwin and Liz Hills.

Opening Prayer: Fr Alex

Facilitator: Linda Thompson

Consensus on the minutes from March 4, 2014 meeting.

Old Business/Reports

Children's 9:00 am Mass (Kim Merwin)

To date, two Children's Masses have taken place -- both well attended. Participation of the children in the upcoming Masses will include: 5th Graders reading the Prayer of the Faithful and 3rd Graders bringing up the gifts during the Offertory. The May Crowning takes place May 4th at the 9:00 am Children's Mass featuring our 4th Graders who will be taught (in CCD) a song to sing to our Blessed Mother. Kim and Deacon Mike have met with Karen Badach who will work with and coordinate the children. All children will be invited to the altar to pray the Our Father. June 1st Children's Mass (9:00 am) will feature our 2nd Graders wearing their First Holy Communion clothes and will sing a song. It was noted Mass attendance at the Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9 am have increased.

New Business

Mega 50/50 (Kim Merwin)

In efforts to promote St Monica and raise funds, conduct a Mega 50/50. Possibly launch the raffle at our Parish Festival and announce and award the prize at our evening All Saints Day Mass. Approximate cost \$1,000 includes printing, mailing, postage, licensing and permit. Some other ideas are needed to promote our parish, bring in new people to participate, organize activities for different age groups, i.e., young families with children, youth group, senior citizens. Some other ideas: Information Booth at St Al's/St Monica's Carnival, hold social gatherings. It was decided to put together a sub-committee to organize fundraisers.

Africa: Kasana-Luweero (Linda Thompson)

Linda spoke with Mary Goss who travels on a regular basis to Africa assisting the poor. In the past, St Monica helped raise funds for their parish, St Joseph. The priest from St Joseph will be in the United States May 20 - June 20. Could St Monica help with a fundraiser? Fr Alex explained, due to our current financial condition it is not possible at this time.

St Al's/St Monica Carnival (Mike Hintenach)

The carnival takes place again in the parking lot of St Aloysius Church May 28 - May 31. This event is a combined effort of both parishes and volunteers are needed to help make it a success. A portion of the proceeds goes to St Monica which are greatly needed.

Open Forum

Linda Thompson asked if there is any update on Fr Alex becoming Pastor of St Monica. Fr Alex indicated there is no news yet and remains as our Parish Administrator.

Linda Thompson asked if the folding tables have been purchased with the Italian Dinner proceeds in the amount of \$691.89. Since the stairs at the front of the Church as well as the entrance to Little Church are badly in need of repair or replacement, it was determined two or three tables will be purchased and the rest of the proceeds be put toward fixing the stairs.

Deacon Mike, Christian Knoebel and Joanne Guarnieri have taken on the project of cleaning out the sacristy of many years of accumulated items no longer needed. We have a number of vestments no longer in use. They will be donated to St Joseph in Africa.

Next meeting May 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Facilitator - Cheryl Bottega

The meeting ended in prayer.