

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ("PPC") MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Attendees – Father Damian Shadwell, Gail Carter, Edna Jacobs, Barbara Ross, Charles Ross, Shirley Robinson-Turner, John Cooley, Toni Lamont, Maurene McNeil, Demetrius Gleaton, Ronald Wormsley, and Roland Stewart.

(1) Opening Prayer: The meeting was opened with prayer led by Gail Carter .

(2) Adoption of July 8, 2017 Minutes : The minutes were unanimously approved with the following amendments: delete "bullet" on the bottom of page 1 and insert "bulletin"; and under "New Business" it was agreed that any member that will be late for a meeting, or unable to attend, must notify an Executive Board member will be late/absent.

(3) Old Business:

Parish Pastoral Council Installation: The subcommittee met and has picked the prayers for the Installation from the Book of Blessings. Handouts were provided describing how the altar will be decorated. The subcommittee has also selected a handout explaining the PPC mission, duties, etc.

The PPC members will wear a special t-shirt and name tags. The symbol on the shirt will also be used on the altar and handouts. The PPC unanimously voted to use the parish colors of baby blue white and light gold on all of the materials distributed, the decorations and the t-shirt.

Planning Committee for annual Parish picnic: Shirley Robinson provided an update on the status of the picnic planning. Everything is set and ready to go – a good time will be had by all!

Website: Gail Carter reported that the update to the website is almost complete. She still needs pictures from the three music ministries, and a picture of the Parish Council will be taken after the installation. Ms. Carter also advised that links to the Early Learning Center and Sunday school are now available. Information on upcoming events is also provided.

Breaking Bread/St. Joseph's missalette: The results of the survey supported keeping the Breaking Bread missal. They will be available for purchase and a few will also be in the pews.

Bulletin Board: Mr. Roland Stewart noted that photos of all PPC members have been placed on the parish bulletin board so all parishioners will know who we are. Anyone who wishes to change their picture should contact Mr. Roland.

Meet and Greet Parish Council: Toni Lamont will be in charge of light refreshments after the 4:00 Mass on September 23, 2017. Members of the Parish Council are urged to attend to introduce themselves to parishioners that normally attend that Mass. Tina Brogsdale is asked to take charge of the light refreshments to be served after the 8:00 Mass on October 8, 2017. Members of the Parish Council are urged to attend this Mass to introduce themselves to the parishioners that normally attend that Mass. Finally, Roland Stewart will be in charge of the light refreshments to be served after the 11:00 Mass on October 29, 2017. Members of the Parish Council are urged to attend this Mass to introduce themselves to the parishioners that normally attend that Mass. Council members should wear their t-shirts at the Masses for ease of recognition.

Environment and Tabernacle: Pat Slye provided an update on the Environment and Tabernacle Committees suggestions for improvements to the area that houses the Tabernacle. She prepared a bulletin board visual presentation of recommendations to draw attention and to provide a prayerful environment for the Tabernacle, including new painting, placement of smaller Station of the Cross icons, lighting, and plantings. A discussion ensued, and due to lack of time, Gail Carter asked that councilmembers submit written suggestions/comments to Ms. Slye for further review by the Environment and Tabernacle Committee, and that she return to the next PPC meeting for its consideration of that Committee's final recommendations. The PPC thanked Ms. Slye and the Committee for its outstanding work!

Faith Formation Committee: Father Damian and the Executive Board discussed the need to start a Faith Formation Committee for adults, and for more assistance with the Bible Study program. Father Damian stressed the importance of continuing adult education on the Catholic faith. The Committee could come up with ideas, as well as conduct a study on what education could be provided during each liturgical year. Gail Carter will spearhead asking parishioners and PPC members to serve on the committee.

(4) New Business: All agenda items for October Discussion (Altar servers, Hospitality/Usher Ministry, Social Justice Committee, Suggestion Box, Monthly Bulletin Blurb, and Ministry Fair) were tabled until the next meeting, due to a lack of time to consider them.

(5) Closing Prayer: Father Damian led the PPC in closing prayer.

Next Executive Board meeting: October 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM.

Next Parish Council Meeting: October 14, 2017 at 9:00 AM.