

Mary, Mother of Mercy, Parish Council Meeting of 6/8/2016

Present: Fr. Bernard, Michelle Barr, Donna Brandow, Charlotte Huyler, Pam Jasikoff, Phyllis Kaiser, Cathy Millspaugh, Andrew Morpurgo, Amy Panek, Jen Persoon, Jessica Portillo, Kathleen Rourke, Nancy Shumway, Jean Wiggins, Mark Sinkiewicz, Gerry Frank, and Susan Houseknecht

- **Opening**

- reading and prayers led by Mark Sinkiewicz

- **Introductions**

- **Opening comments by Father:**

- The new name of our parish is Mary, Mother of Mercy
 - Parish council members serve in an advisory council to the pastor.
 - Parish council meetings should not last longer than 45 minutes to an hour
 - Church law: every parish must have a finance council

Each council member received a folder prepared by Father that included a brief overview of terms, a contact list of members, and a list of the PC committees' "areas of concern and responsibility." Everyone was asked to review their contact information and let Father know of any corrections.

- **Selection of terms:**

Our PC [guidelines](#) indicate that PC members should have staggered terms. Because we are all new, we needed to select various terms limits for each of us, either 1 year, 2 years, or 3. Each member selected a number from a basket and so terms were evenly distributed.

Terms for Parish Council (July1 – June 30)

Michelle Barr	1yr
Charlotte Huyler	1yr
Phyllis Kaiser	1yr
Andrew Morpurgo	1yr
Amy Panek	1yr
Donna Brandow	2yr
Pam Jasikoff	2yr
Cathy Millspaugh	2yr
Kathleen Rourke	2yr
Jean Wiggins	2yr
Jen Persoon	3yr
Jessica Portillo	3yr
Nancy Shumway	3yr
Ron Singer	3yr
Barbara Willers	3yr

• **Nomination and election of officers:**

Chair of Parish Council – Cathy Millspaugh

Vice chair of Parish Council – Barbara Willers

Kathleen Rourke volunteered to be secretary and was accepted into that position.

• **Committee Nominations**

The executive committee members, Cathy and Kathleen, joined Father downstairs to look at nominations and appoint council members to their preferred committees. The following appointments were made:

Word: Andrew (chair), Jeannie, Pam, and Scott

Worship: Jessica (chair), Amy, Michelle, and Gerry – First meeting is June 20 at 6:30, St. Francis

Witness: Donna (chair), Charlotte, and Jen

Fellowship: Nancy (chair), Phyllis, Ron, and Sue

• **Procedures for committees:**

1. Committee submits a proposal to the council
2. Council discusses proposal
3. Committee finalizes proposal

Committees may meet/will meet at times other than the parish council meetings (unless otherwise directed by the executive council)

Father encourages that they meet during the summer, even though the PC won't be meeting. By Sept. 8 (the first meeting of the PC) they should be able to make a report of the full council.

Parish Council schedule:

The next meeting of the PC will be Sept. 8, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus. Then subsequently the council will meet on the second Thursday of each month, excepting December and April: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Jan. 12, February 9, March 9, May 11, and June 8. At the May meeting we will decide on how many new members we need for the coming year. June will introduce those newly elected members and be an organizational meeting with election of officers and committee assignments.

Closing:

Thanks from Father for our work on this “new adventure.”

“Our Father”

Meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen E. Rourke, with thanks for the assistance of Jessica Portillo