

**St. Monica Facilitation Team
Meeting Minutes Oct. 17, 2022**

Attendance: Best Batchateu, Connie Chau, John Curran, Father Ray Fleming, Kathy Garrant, Mary Fran Kolbuc and Meg Lute. Excused: Bob Passalugo.

1. Opening Prayer: A *Glory Be* for health and blessings.

2. Review and approval of the 9/12/22 Meeting minutes: Approved unanimously.

3. Father Ray's Updates:

- **New Mass Schedule**: Meeting the time constraints of the new Mass schedule continues to be stressful although there is hope for improvement. Immaculate Conception Church has succeeded in adjusting its timing while St. Monica needs to avoid overlapping with the Emmanuel Church of the Deaf starting time. There will be upcoming cooperation among the parishes for seasonal liturgies.

- **Diocesan Bankruptcy Proceedings**: No update at this time. Progress expected in January.

- **Progress on the new Charter School Lease**: The Rochester Academy Charter School has indicated that it wants to purchase the St. Monica School building.

The parish Finance Council, the Buildings, Grounds and Safety Committee and parish trustees will meet this week to discuss the topic. The school building is aging and faces some major expensive updating projects. Of major concern is that paying for future renovations would cost more than the annual leasing funds provide. This would affect parish operational costs severely.

4. Updates on Ministries and Activities

- **St. Monica Parish 125th Anniversary in 2023**: The parish staff supports the idea of a dinner celebration to commemorate the event. Meg Lute has discussed this with Mary Ellen Fischer and Debbie Diederich. More planning will follow at a later date.

- **Hospitality Table**: This community-building activity continues to be *on hold* due to COVID concerns. Will reinstate in an updated manner as soon as reasonable.

- **Extending Parish Activities on Sundays following Mass**: Discuss at a later date. Very busy under current conditions.

- **Buildings, Grounds & Safety**: Materials stored at the St. Monica Garage following the fire at the Jefferson Avenue Seventh Day Adventist have been returned. The congregation extends its appreciation. It plans to relocate while still serving the needs of its long-time neighborhood. The Buildings Group meets again 11/2/22.

• **Social Justice Committee:** Planning is underway for *SWEM Christmas Basket* distribution using the parking lot drive-through format that was successful in 2021. Space is available in garages. New chairperson Kathy Garrant is researching the resumption of the *Blue Bags* donations. Members wishing to join the restarted Social Justice Committee are asked to contact Kathy.

Senior Lunch: Starting Thursday October 20th at noon, the popular social gathering meets at Ezzy's Restaurant at 855 Buffalo Road. Contact Marcia Lambert at (585) 472-3114 each month to let her know the number of persons who will attend. (*Information from church bulletin.*)

The meeting closed with a *Hail Mary* commemorating October as the month of the Rosary.

Next Facilitation Team meetings: (both actual at the rectory and virtual via Zoom)

1) **Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 at 6:00pm**

2) **Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00pm**

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