***Attendees:***

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| Jim Wilson | **X** | Herman Bush | **X** | William Countess | **X** | Eleanor Fisher | **X** |
| Nikki Gorski | **X** | Iris Hernandez |  | Alice Long |  | Patrick Perkins |  |
| Larry Shannahan |  | Ray Traube | **X** | Deacon Jim Sullivan |  | Fr. Jack Ward | **X** |
| Fr. Jaime Garcia |  | Martine Uveges | **X** |  |  |  |  |

***The Meeting came to order at: 7:04pm***

***Opening Prayer:*** The Lord’s Prayer led by Father Jack Ward

***Approval of Minutes:*** Ray motioned to approve the February minutes; Herman seconded. Ray motioned to approve the March minutes; Bill seconded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**Help-Portrait: Harford County presentation by Kevin Parks and Cory Dreiger (see attached presentation)

Help-Portrait is an international movement to provide free portraits to those challenged by life. Kevin has participated in Help-Portrait events in New York and Baltimore, and he and Cory would like to bring this wonderful event to Harford County. Kevin is requesting the use of Kilduff Hall on a Saturday in late 2018 or early 2019 from approximately 7a to 5p. A community group, such as a women’s shelter, Anna’s house, veterans, Catholic Charities, etc, would come to Kilduff Hall. About 20-25 people would register for this event. Each guest/family would be offered a 90-minute session, which would include makeup / hairdresser, photo session, meal and fellowship. It’s all about interacting with the people and letting them know someone cares. They would leave with at least one photo and potentially a digital gallery. This would be free of charge to the guest. It could cost $20-$40 per person, though it is hoped businesses or individuals would donate their services and/or supplies in service to those in need. Kevin suggested the first week of December (for Christmas), Valentine’s Day, or Mother’s Day. Bill thought it could be coupled with the Thanksgiving give away or Christmas party for our outreach clients. All liked the idea. Ray motioned to allow Kevin / Cory and Help-Portrait to use Kilduff Hall for this event; Jim seconded – all approved. Kevin should select a date and call Rebecca to see if that date is available.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

***Connections:*** The Evangelization Committee meeting was rescheduled from Thurs to Sat.

***Faith Formation:*** Nikki Gorski reported (see report attached):

* Elementary classes end April 24 & 25. First Communion will be held on May 5, 6, and 12; ushers are needed for the 2p Masses. Online registration for 2018-2019 will open 5/1/18. Touch-a-Truck event will be April 28, 10a-2p; volunteers are needed.
* Middle School classes end May 1 & 2. Numbers are declining; classes will only be Tuesdays.
* High School classes end April 29 & 30, and May 2. Due to dip in number of candidates to be confirmed in 2019, the Wed class will be eliminated, and Sun and Mon options will be offered. The Spring class, Science and Religion, taught by Danny Cajigas and Bill Merlock is a hit! This may be expanded in 2018-19. Confirmation on April 7 was live streamed.

***Latino Community:*** No report.

***Liturgy:*** Fr. Jaime shared the Liturgy Calendar for July 2018 to June 2019 (see calendar attached).

***Parish Life:*** Ray offered to represent the Parish Life Ministry. He will contact Rebecca Harper to ensure Ministry Representatives are updated.

***Service:*** Bill Countess reported (see report attached):

* Our Daily Bread - 78 casseroles delivered March 24; 70 casseroles delivered April 15
* Outreach Feb: 180 clients, 182 food bags provided, 59 families financially assisted
* Outreach March: 150 clients, 151 food bags provided, 54 families financially assisted; Girl Scouts and Brownies donated large amounts of food
* Next Sharing Table is Sat, May 5; volunteers needed – contact Ken Malecki
* Let’s Do Lunch – 50 lunches distributed in March

***Stewardship:*** Jim Wilson offered to help with this ministry.

***Youth:*** Eleanor Fisher reported (see report attached):

* March 10 - Paint Nite fundraiser was canceled due to low interest
* March 30 - Noon Stations, including people of all ages, was a huge success
* March 31 - decorating of Worship Center, Stone Chapel, Kilduff Hall was beautiful
* March 31 - Egg hunt had 144 children and their parents
* May 12 - Rise Up! (Spiritual) features Paul J Kim, Ike Ndolo, and Corrie Marie - Middle School youth invited; $20 includes dinner.
* May 26 - Alana Boudreau (Spiritual) 7p Worship Center to help celebrate our Mother Mary
* June 3 - 11a Mass Youth Ensemble
* June 25-29 - VBS Prayer Safari
* Aug 26 - Parish Picnic with all 3 parishes at Flying Point Park starting with Mass at 11a. Youth will be responsible for the events/activities, liturgy, logistics, and marketing; first meeting held 4/20.
* Fr. Jack asked if any student in Middle or High School might be interested in sports. He is thinking of CYO. St Francis de Sales does not have access to facilities, thought St. Margaret’s might. Nikki thought many are already involved with Rec Councils, families are busy, there may be an insurance concern, and a coach would be needed. Fr. Jack plans to talk to the Middle School students, who are helping put together bingo packets at 7:30p Wed, 4/25, to see if any are interested in any sports.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*ID Badges:* Ray took photos of additional council members. He will ask Rebecca to print the ID badges, to be worn at any parish function, and leave them in envelopes for council members to pick up.

*Parish Picnic:* It will be Aug 26 including all 3 parishes at Flying Point Park. Ray noted that the council had suggested that the Volunteer Appreciation would be done at the picnic. How would this be received with all 3 parishes attending the picnic? Might volunteers of all 3 parishes be appreciated? Pens were given to volunteers last year. Nikki said people would appreciate hand-written notes of appreciation. She noted that April is National Volunteer Month. There is a picnic meeting Thurs, April 26 including Jim Wilson, Ray Traube, Danny Cajigas, and Diane Lewis.

*Insurance Proposal / Development Committee:* Day-to-day finances are fine. There may be other options than insurance to deal with mid-to-long term financial needs. Jim suggested getting a committee together to investigate other options.

**GOOD OF THE COUNCIL:**

*Faith Fest:* Fr. Jack announced that that the Archdiocese is having a Faith Fest on Sun, Sept 16 at the Equestrian Center. It is intended to be an evangelization opportunity for all of Harford County. There will be bands, food, and each parish will have a table with literature under a tent. The Archbishop’s Mass will be at 4:30p. Each parish was asked for $4,000 for the event. Fr. Jack offered $2,000 from each of St Francis de Sales and Prince of Peace. The generosity of the Knights of Columbus may be considered. Businesses could be asked for sponsorship; it would be a 501c3 tax deduction.

*Cassocks & Surpluses:* Fr. Jack wondered if new black cassocks and white surpluses could be purchased for the altar servers. Ray asked what they may cost and how many are needed. Fr. Jack gave Ray a catalog, and he will ask the Knights of Columbus if they may want to purchase the cassocks for ~$20 ea and the surpluses for ~$9 ea.

**COUNCIL’S CORNER:**

**Pastorate Council (3 parishes):** meeting Mon, May 7 at 7p at Prince of Peace; all are invited

Fr. Jack noted that the 3 parishes (St Francis de Sales, Prince of Peace, Holy Spirit) kickoff will be in Sept.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ray Traube led the closing prayer.

**Meeting Adjourned** by Jim Wilson at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martine Uveges, Secretary