

**MOST HOLY TRINITY  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, 11 February 08

Present: Fr. Matt, Cindy Ragsdale, Marybeth Hurley, Lorraine Wigger, Eileen Kowalski, Vince McDermott, Kim McDermott, SPC Bradley, Dan McCarthy

1. Celebrate Marriage: Kim and Vince provided an update on caterer, finalized details with group to include RSVP (to Rectory), dress (we should specify dress attire), music (we will have dancing). Vince will talk to Bo Thompson from DOIM who DJs and Kim will try to get the cadet group Strings for dinner music. If they can come, we will feed them dinner.
2. Christopher West: Flyers, posters, and business card advertisements are out around post. Fr. Matt will pick him up on Tuesday and serve dinner at his quarters prior to the event at Robinson Auditorium. After the event, Fr. Matt will host a small after-party with wine and cheese back at his quarters. There is a book signing on Wednesday from 0900-1000 hours at Cadet Bookstore and from 1130-1300 hours is the Men's Luncheon. Fr. Matt says there has been advertisement about the Tuesday event and groups from PA and NJ have called to say they are attending. Fr. Matt said we will provide strip maps at the gates so guests will know where to go.
3. World Youth Day: Cindy found out at an RE Conference that fundraising is very possible for this event. Sister Michael (the RE at Fort Belvoir) will provide more information for us. There will be designated offerings on the weekend of 23-24 February, and likely another weekend.
4. Stations of the Cross and Dinners: All Fridays have groups signed up to provide the meal. The first week, there were about 50 people at the service and about 30 for dinner. This week the numbers will be down due to Holiday. RE is doing the stations on 7 March, so there will be a large crowd. Eileen asked if we could divide the meal – so some people could be in Rectory and some in Cloister Room. All agreed this was a good idea. Vince mentioned that there were not enough booklets for the first service. Fr. Matt asked SPC Bradley to make sure there were plenty.
5. Pope's Visit to NYC: Weekend of 19-20 April. Fr. Matt said that MHT would likely get 50-100 tickets for St. Joseph's Youth event in Yankee Stadium. Homeland Security is in charge of all security for the event. The secure zone is about a 2-mile radius around the stadium. Only one bus company has contract to enter safety zone, so we need to use those buses or else plan on walking 2 miles. We do not have a plan yet to divide allotted tickets. However, attendees need to provide name/address/DOB and tickets are not transferable!
6. BOSS: We will put Christopher West flyers at the BOSS Pavillion. Dan suggested that BOSS outreach could be a ministry in itself. It may be a good idea for a Catholic BOSS representative to join our Council. Fr. Matt said that outreach is important, even if it's only to provide an occasional meal. The soldiers should know that people care about them. The parish will host a sit-down meal at the Rectory on 9 March, 1230-1430 hours. It will be a potluck, community event. A second event will take place on 13 April; if weather is nice, we can maybe do a BBQ.
7. Volunteer Hours: Eileen mentioned the procedures and requested that ministry leaders gather volunteer hours.
8. Parish Appreciation: This event is scheduled for 27 April. It will be a catered event, location TBD. The Parish Picnic in the Fall will move back to Camp Buckner. The chapel will provide meat and the parish will bring potluck sides/desserts.

As a side to the discussion of the Parish Appreciation event, Fr. Matt shared a discussion he had with the Garrison Commander who asked why MHT was not using the West Point Club (for the Celebrate Marriage event?).

9. Blessing of Easter Food (eggs, bread, wine, salt & pepper): Will take place at the Rectory on 22 March, 1200 hours.

The next meeting will be 11 March, 1700 hours. Pizza will be served.