

January 22, 2018
ST. MARY PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Mission Statement: We are a Catholic community sent forth to visibly bring the presence of Christ to the world around us.

Present: Father Roman Stikel, Myron Yencha, Tim Lippert, Amy Nordloh, Len Hartnell, Jeff Swanson, Peg Malmberg, John Higgins, Dick Thoun, Peg Concannon, Ray Schendl

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Opening Prayer: Len Hartnell

Minutes: Approval of November 27 minutes delayed until everyone has had a chance to read them. Any changes are to be sent to Jeff Swanson via email.

-Open council position discussed and tabled.

Guest: Officer Jeff Wamboldt, Kenosha Police Department Crime Prevention Unit. Officer Wamboldt stressed the importance of being both Welcoming and Secure. He gave an overview of the department's programs to prepare for possibility of active shooter in a church setting.

- Site Survey identifies vulnerabilities of buildings:

A site survey will be scheduled soon. Father Roman, John Higgins, and a staff member will accompany the police officer. Both written and verbal reports will be provided by the police officer. After the survey is completed, the results will be presented/discussed at the next Pastoral council meeting.

- Potential dates for the Kenosha PD presentation on security measures to the parish, school and any interested parties will be discussed at the next Pastoral Council meeting on 26 Feb.

Parish Leader Update: Tim and Ray will attend the February 2 MissionInsite meeting at the Cousins Center to continue learning about demographic and marketing strategies. Multi-Parish Ministry Institute, a series of three clinics, is scheduled during weekday hours in the Fall, but the Archdiocese is working on scheduling weekend clinics. The

parishes will be contacted by the Archdiocese when it is their turn to attend.

Feasibility Study: Meeting was held January 10. Finance Committee and Pastoral Council members Ray, Jeff, Peg M., Len, Myron and Father Roman attended. Groth Design Group gave a presentation and preliminary cost analysis. Other presentations from Conrad Schmitt, Berghammer Construction, Kueny Architects will be scheduled. These presentations are considered information gathering. Father Roman suggests forming a small committee to interview these companies.

All Hands Committee Meeting: The date of the meeting was rescheduled from 19 March to 23 April at 1830 in the Church. Fr. Roman will forward the agenda to the Pastoral Council Chairperson for publication in the bulletin.

Committee Reports:

- Christian Formation – Peg C reported Book Club signups are ongoing and book clubs will begin in February.
- Finance – Peg M referred us to the finance report. Christmas collections came to \$41,000. A bequest from Edward Reagan, \$278,000. Insurance premiums were paid on rental houses and church. Year-end donation statements were mailed; however, some corrections need to be made. A commercial refrigerator was bought and installed in Bell Hall and the older fridge was moved to the school kitchen. Knights of Columbus contributed \$1,675 for the purchase of the new refrigerator.
- Human Concerns – Tim: Shalom Center has received a FHA grant large enough to pay off most of its mortgage, but the center still needs volunteers. The Giving Circle served 220 families at Christmas. Over 900 people were seen at the Mission 13 Eye Clinic in Dominican Republic, most of them receiving glasses. Over 100 surgeries were completed.
- Stewardship – Ray: 418 pledge cards have been turned in. The committee is collecting emails of parishioners. Parishioner email information can be submitted on the home page of St. Mary website. Jeff suggested Constant Contact or Mail Chimp platforms to manage the emails. On March 17 there will be an All Ministries Reflection and Sharing in Bell Hall for all ministry heads. A Parish

Directory will be handed out at the end of January. Census will be in April or May. Discussion was held on the usefulness of the bulletin boards in the narthex and how they might be changed more often. A cookout will be held in June and a steak/chicken dinner in September. Pauletta would like to establish a Communications Ministry.

- Prayer/Worship – Amy: Christmas Masses went well. World Sick Day Weekend is February 10-11. Anointing of the Sick will be offered after all Masses that weekend. Planning has begun for Lent and Holy Week. There will be a simple supper Ash Wednesday. Holy Thursday Apostles are needed for foot washing. A suggestion was made to invite new parishioners to be Apostles. A suggestion was made to darken the edge of the steps leading to the sanctuary to prevent stumbling. This issue will be brought to Buildings and Grounds Committee. A question of “who cleans the church and when” was brought up. Father said a company is hired to clean weekly. Ushers tidy pews between Masses. There was recently a need for Soakit, a sanitary absorbent material, but there was none to be found. This needs to be stocked! A bulletin insert called Faith and Fellowship was considered untimely. It should be reissued.
- **Other:** Principal Jackie Lichter of All Saints Catholic School has notified the School Board of Directors that she will resign at the end of the current school year.

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Closing Prayer: Len Hartnell

Next meeting will be February 26, 2018 at 1900 in the Parish Center. Ray will lead prayer.