

February 26, 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 Yench, Amy Nordloh, Jeff Swanson, Peg Malmberg, John Higgins, Dick Thoun, Peg Concannon, Ray Schendl

Absent/Excused: Len Hartnell and Tim Lippert

Opening Prayer: Ray Schendl
Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Minutes: Approval of January 22 minutes is delayed to allow time to clarify discussion regarding the filling of open parish council seats.

It was noted that approved Parish Council notes need to be promptly forwarded to Pauletta Lyons, St Mary's Pastoral Associate of Communications, to assure notes are published in a timely manner.

Parish Leader Update:

Archdiocese Newsletter:

- **New Business Administrator Institute:** Christine Gabron, St Mary's Business Manager, will be attending the four-session program that includes instruction on parish budgets, confidential financial statements, year-end practices, and other topics.
- **2020 Plan:** This Archdiocese plan was approved in 2012 and over 80% has already been implemented. We are working with Kenosha parishes regarding further implementation. A meeting is scheduled for Feb. 27 at St Marks.
- **Multi Parish Ministry Institute:** A planning team of 12 members (6 from St Marks and 6 from St Mary's) will need to attend one of the two remaining Multi -Parish Ministry Institutes. Sessions are available on Tuesday or Thursday. Amy Nordloh and Peg Concannon have tentatively agreed to attend. Date and time need to be coordinated with St Mark's attendees.
- **Research Corner:** Father Roman reviewed statistics gathered by CARA (*Center of Applied Research in the Apostolate*) regarding mass participation and preferences people look for in a parish or church.
 - The impression that religious people are too judgmental was cited as the top reason for **not** participating in religious congregation followed closely by the belief that religion is too focused on money. These impressions are hurting

mass attendance in churches. Father noted that the top three reasons for not participating never change.

- Having warm and friendly encounters as well as quality sermons were the top two preferences that people seek in a parish or church
- People are seeking a welcoming parish. Myron commented on an unwelcoming incident he encountered at mass when a St Mary's parishioner stated that no children should be at mass.

Review of Kenosha Police Department - Site Survey Report:

- KPD completed a Survey Report of St Mary's church and parish grounds on January 30. Council members Peg Malmberg and John Higgins attended the walk through with Officer Wamboldt. The purpose of the survey was to identify any safety issues that need to be addressed in light of increased threat to religious and educational institutions.
- Survey uncovered a few minor issues dealing mainly with doors, windows, exterior lighting and, numerical identification for all exterior doors.
- Building and Grounds Committee will carry out any needed work.
- Council also discussed preparing for an "Active Shooter" incident. KPD encouraged council to show an active shooter preparedness video to parish members. KPD stated the video should not be shown to children due to violent content. Council will continue to review to determine best time to show the video. Dates suggested were May 16-17 or May 23-24 at 6:30 pm. There will only be one showing of the video.
- It was noted that the council contacted ASCS regarding sharing KPD information with school administration.
- It was noted that this is council's first step to address this issue and the goal is to create awareness with the parishioners.

Annual All Hands On Deck Committee/Ministry Meeting:

- The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of our parish with all members of parish committees and ministries.
- Date of meeting was not finalized but is tentatively scheduled for May 21.

Committee Reports:

- ASCS: 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. Selection committee has been formed to identify qualified candidates to replace Dr. Lichter. Archdiocese will make final decision on replacement.
- Christian Formation – Peg C: Adult formation "Fellowship Café" held every Sunday between Masses has limited attendance and is in need of affective promotion/marketing. Suggestion was made to hold the café less often. – Carole Schmidt had a great presentation on Matt Kelly's book "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic." Unfortunately, the event was poorly attended. - Formation Committee

participation is waning except for the book clubs. - All upcoming events are published in the weekly bulletin.

- Finance – Peg M: Last week ministry directors presented their 2018 budgets. Discussions are ongoing regarding snow removal contract. Goal is to improve service at a lower cost. - Parish endowment fund proxy has been approved by the Archdiocese with initial investment of \$25,000. -TV monitors in church are not working correctly. Father Roman has been in contact with vendors to repair as needed. - Church’s east entry stairs are in need of repair. Contractors have been submitting proposals for the work. Estimated cost is around \$120,000. – Future construction of a new gathering space is being considered. Conceptual proposals are being sought from two architects. PC will have a listening session with architects on March 21.

- Human Concerns – Prayer shawls will be blessed on weekend of March 3 & 4.

- Stewardship – Ray: On March 17, Stewardship Committee will hold Maintenance to Mission Workshop in Bell Hall. The workshop will discuss issues affecting the Catholic Church and St Mary’s parish. Invitees include Committee Chairs and members along with Ministry Chairs. Parish Census will begin in April or May.

- Pastoral Council – Two Pastoral Council positions will be open in June 2018. Discernment to determine who will fill the Pastoral Chair and Liaison Prayer & Worship openings will be announced in April 2018. Myron agreed to contact Megan Kinsella to determine if she has a standard announcement.

- Prayer/Worship – No Report

- **Upcoming Dates :**
 - 2/27 - 2020 meeting with St Marks
 - 3/17 - Maintenance to Mission workshop
 - 3/19 - PC Meeting
 - 3/21 - Church remodel review with architect
 - 5/21 – All Hands on Deck meeting

Closing Prayer: Myron Yench

Next meeting will be March 19, 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Center.