

March 19th, 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, Peg Malmberg, Tim Lippert, Peg Concannon, Ray Schendl, Dick Thoune

Absent/Excused: John Higgins, Jeff Swanson

Opening prayer: Myron Yench

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Minutes: Peg Malmberg had questions about the November minutes. Corrections were accepted. Appropriate changes will be made and then forwarded to Pauletta, who will post to the website.

Parish Leader Update:

Questions/comments regarding guidelines for use of video technology in churches were discussed. It can be viewed or downloaded on the Archdiocese website.

Highlights from the March 3rd Archdiocese Pastoral Council meeting were discussed. Next KENRA (Kenosha & Racine) deanery meeting will be in April or May. More information to follow.

Multi-parish Ministry Institute discussed at last council meeting. Still need to get with St Mark regarding which sessions to attend, either daytime on Tuesday or late afternoon/evening on Thursday. Limited to 12 total attendees per cluster. A discussion of the naming of the cluster ensued and Father stated that the diocese will name the cluster.

Chrism Mass will be Tuesday, March 27th at Milwaukee Cathedral. Fr. Roman provided an explanation of the Mass.

MissionInsite Training: Tim spoke about this including contact information. Ray questioned if there were any parishes who had implemented it and if it had positively affected their parish. Tim noted that without the demographics, he unsure what value it will give us. Peg M noted that Janice, Christine and Sandy Schwalbe from staff went to the initial training. The training sessions coming up are webinars so it would be easier for them to attend/access. Discussion proceeded on the data and how it could be used.

Research Corner: Table discussion ensued about the summaries including city trends.

Presentation by Kueny Architectural Firm: on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30pm in the Parish Library. Fr. Roman suggested that it is important for us to be there. We must make some suggestions as to what we would like them to do regarding conceptual design, including our priorities.

Church Security Presentation: Thursday May 17th at 6:30pm in the church. In the advertising context/explanation, state that it will be geared for adults. Will use pulpit and bulletin announcements along with posters. The presentation and discussion will take about 1 hour. Peg M will get with Pauletta on the advertising for this. We will provide hospitality at this presentation.

All-Hands Committee Meeting: Being held on May 21st. Main portion will cover renovation and parking, and maintenance to mission. Myron will send out an invitation email to the committee chairpersons and ministries. Pastoral council will be responsible for light hospitality.

New Council Member Nominations: Pulpit announcement reviewed and revised appropriately. For example, Peg M suggested that we add more information including an explanation of the purpose of the pastoral council. Pulpit announcements will occur during the weekend of April 7th and 8th. Council members will be present at these masses to answer questions. Nominations will start the following week. Father suggested that Pauletta add a teaser to the bulletin which will run Easter weekend. Nomination Forms can be placed in the collection baskets or brought to the Parish Office. Deadline for nominations will be April 30th. Discernment will take place during the June 25th meeting with the new term starting in August.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Peg M: No finance report, next meeting tomorrow night.

Christian Formation - Lecture series:

Last one of the year is April 15, will be a presentation on sex trafficking, Katherine T. wrote a book and has a video, will be held between the Masses. Discussion on doing better to promote these functions, possibly moving to the school.

Two speakers during Lent – Nancy Chmielewski and Deacon Wilson

Book clubs – doing awesome, lots of people, very popular.

Human Concerns - Tim: committee meeting tonight.

Shalom Center – month of Feb – 4800 meals served, food pantry - 1440 served.

St. Vincent DePaul - \$5300 in outreach last month, \$3000 back in donations to the account.

2 families being assisted, Tammy and Sophie, Wilson is looking for suggestions to further assist them.

Fr Roman suggested that Deacon Wilson can communicate through his column on what is going on with human concerns.

Discussion on envelope creation and usage for St. Vincent DePaul and Holy Land Shrine.

Stewardship - Ray: parish census, hoping to get started in April or May Directory update, have not seen it as of yet.

Saturday Maintenance-to-Mission Workshop – roughly 40 attendees, expected 20 people a week ago.

Worship - Amy: upcoming schedule for Holy Week, details and timing.

Eucharistic Ministers – acknowledge the children with the sign of the cross, important to bless the children without touching their heads.

Issue with needing more Eucharistic Ministers, has been taken care of.

Father Roman Report: – planning meeting to establish mission goals to accomplish for next year.

How can Pastoral Council help the committees achieve their goals?

Next year – increase hospitality and greeter ministries, appropriate dress, more sophisticated, need 2-3 people at each entrance, must make people feel welcomed.

Recap and Closing Prayer – Myron Yencha

Next meeting will be April 23rd, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center, Peg C will lead prayer.