

**St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday March 2, 2020 at 6:30pm
Parish Center Dining Room**

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

Attendees: Fr. Roman, Amy Nordloh, John Higgins, Dick Thoune, Peggy Malmberg, Jeff Swanson, Peg Concannon & Tim Lippert

Absent: Frank Marrese, Jude Martin

Guests: Ellen Pedraza, Paula Yurchack, Christopher Rudynski and Nancy Cushman visiting for recruitment/discernment

A. Opening Prayer/Amy Nordloh

B. Review and Approval of Minutes

January 27, 2020 were read and approved as submitted by John Higgins, seconded by Dick Thoune.

C. Committee Reports

1. Formation/Fr. Roman

The only thing Fr. Roman wanted to note was that the committee is being reformed.

2. Human Concerns/Tim Lippert

- a. Last meeting was two weeks ago.
- b. The people that traveled to the Dominican Republic are back and report that the trip was a huge success.
- c. The Ash Wednesday soup supper was a success as it provided a good opportunity to gather for fellowship before Mass, however not as many people attended as expected.

3. Stewardship/Frank Marrese

- a. Frank was not present however Peggy Malmberg said that planning for the chicken dinner is moving forward.
- b. The committee is looking at different ways to contribute to updating the Parishioner database.
- c. With regards to communications, Fr. Roman talked a little about the parish website and currently he and select staff members are in discussions with different vendors. Looking for better file integration with parishioner and religious education databases. Any changes will not affect the Parish App. Or Online Giving feature.

4. Worship/Peg Concannon

- a. Steve Hejnal is stepping back from the worship committee with Jill

- Einwalter coming on as chairperson.
- b. A tri-fold calendar has been sent out to parishioners that includes all of the masses and other activities during Lent & Holy Week. Everyone agreed it was very informative.
 - c. Holy Week rehearsal dates have been set and communicated.

5. Finance/Peggy Malmberg

- a. The committee has started the budget process for the coming fiscal year which is 7/1/20 through 6/30/21. Preliminary discussions with staff directors took place at February's meeting.
- b. A portion of the final Reagan bequest distribution has been put into the St. Mary Endowment Fund at the Catholic Community Foundation.
- c. The committee is reviewing the Sunday Offering section in the bulletin and is soliciting feedback on effectiveness of reporting weekly as well as looking at how other parishes are doing their financial reporting.
- d. A representative from Johnson Investments will be at their March 31 meeting to discuss alternative low risk investment options such as municipal bonds and mutual funds. Current portfolio is invested in nationwide brokered CD's.

D. Pastor's Report/Fr. Roman

1. Parishioner Julie Bosman (Bosman Monuments) who is a reporter for the New York Times national desk, interviewed Fr. Roman for an article she is doing on the impact of the corona virus on the Catholic Church. Fr. Roman shared that he made the decision to stop sharing the cup during communion and to stop shaking hands at the sign of peace. There has thus far been no comment from parishioners. Julie said she will share the article with Fr. Roman when it is complete.
2. Jeff Swanson shared that All Saints Gala is this Saturday, March 7 at Holy Rosary and the cost is \$65 per person.
3. At the last school board meeting it was discussed that the Archdiocese would like to see a unified structure for All Saints and St. Joe's within the year. Jeff Swanson noted that here are 470 students enrolled for this coming September at All Saints; 90% of current families have enrolled.

E. Missionary Leader Update/Amy Nordloh

Amy reviewed February issue that included introduction to new Assoc. Director Laura Engel, 8 Guiding Principles with regards to strategic planning along with pointing out Amazing Parish and Missioninsite updates. No discussion or questions were raised. She also noted change in name of publication to Missionary Leader Update.

F. Parish Council Recruitment and Discernment/Amy Nordloh

There was discussion and questions answered regarding the duties for new Parish Council members. The different committees were discussed and new members were asked to think about committees they would like to work on.

G. Kenosha Deanery Report/Amy Nordloh

Still no word on The Deanery Report.

H. New Business

1. Fr. Roman reminded us how important it is for parishioners to complete the Disciple Maker Survey by March 23. It was suggested that hard copies be made available at the back of church. So far 129 have been completed, apparently, this is not an unusually low number. Everyone who has taken the survey so far agreed it is very basic and it is set up for individuals not families so every adult in the same house needs to complete their own survey. The results should be coming in June/July 2020.
2. Question was asked if our existing cameras in church could be used to transmit/broadcast Mass? Fr. Stated we would have to have better cameras on tripods to effectively livestream.

I. Closing Prayer – Amy Nordloh

J. Next Meeting – Pastoral Council on Monday April 27, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center Dining Room

Respectfully Submitted by Kitty Plovanich