

**St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday January 27, 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, Jude Martin, Peggy Malmberg, Jeff Swanson, Frank Marrese & Tim Lippert

Absent: Peg Concannon

Guests: Rose Ann Ambrowiak (from Finance), Steve Hejnal (Parish Business Manager), Christopher Rudynski and Nancy Cushman (both visiting for recruitment/discernment)

A. Opening Prayer/Amy Nordloh

B. Review and Approval of Minutes

November 28th minutes were not approved as read; changes will be made and resubmitted for approval.

C. Committee Reports

1. Formation/Fr. Roman

All is going well. Amy agreed that Sandy Schwalbe is doing a good job.

2. Human Concerns/Tim Lippert

- a. There has not been a meeting for two months so nothing new to report.
- b. The Giving Circle was a great success although Tim had no numbers yet.

3. Stewardship/Frank Marrese

- a. The last meeting was long and productive.
- b. A portion of this meeting was dedicated to some scripture reflection and discussion of the upcoming Sunday Gospel which the committee is finding beneficial.
- c. Started discussing new ways for parishioners to donate to St. Mary's; Peg Malmberg discussed formulating a donation card that explains estate planning. Peg and Steve Hejnal will discuss further.
- d. Frank indicated that members of Stewardship were happy to assist with the parishioner data base clean up this year. Amy suggested that Steve

Hejnal needs to compile a list and decide on what needs to be updated. It was suggested that when calls are made to parishioners, the caller does not ask for the information, but confirms what we have on file. The information being confirmed will include: address, phone #, email address, number of family members in the household, ministries the family members are interested in being a part of, how they wish to make contributions to St. Mary's (such as envelopes, automatic bank withdrawal, etc.). We will take a positive approach that they want to remain on our active roster unless they tell us otherwise at some point during the call.

- e. There is no specific Lenten theme planned for this year. Stewardship talked about developing a theme in Aug – Sept that would coincide with the school year.
- f. A dinner gathering is being planned with simple decorations. The date of April 25, 2020 was decided on and Fr. Roman suggested it be called the "Easter Chicken Dinner". Signup sheets should be posted more than a month in advance because of Holy Week. Jeff Swanson mentioned that that particular date may be a problem for younger families because of First Communion.

4. Worship/Steve Hejnal

- a. Steve has resigned as lector coordinator after 20 years. Jill Einwalter will be taking his place. Also Bob and Jean Muth have retired as Eucharistic Minister Coordinators at the 8 am Mass.
- b. Fr. Steve Avella will be here the weekend of February 1 and 2 for the Blessing of Candles. There will also be a blessing of throats (St. Blaise) Immediately following mass.
- c. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2020.

5. Finance/Peggy Malmberg

- a. The parish office has gotten all of the parishioner contribution and tax statements (W-2's and 1099's) mailed out for 2019.
- b. Peggy indicated that the last part of the Reagan bequest has been received. The bequest came in stages starting two years ago and ended this January. We will discuss investment strategy at our Finance meeting later tonight.
- c. Christmas donations for 2019 were very good and surpassed what was budgeted.
- d. A stainless steel table was bought at auction for the Bell Hall kitchen to replace the old butcher block one in the food prep area.

D. Pastor's Report/Fr. Roman

1. Starting February 23 there will be an online survey throughout the Archdiocese that everyone in the parish will be asked to participate in called The Disciple Maker Survey. It will take about 10 – 15 minutes to complete with very simple questions. It will be very confidential and each parish will have an identifier so the results will be parish specific. The purpose of the survey is to align priests with parishes and will give a good idea of how parishioners feel about their parish. This survey will also be available as a hard copy for those without internet access and will also be available in many different languages.

E. Parish Leader Update/Amy Nordloh

Planning is moving forward for 2020, however nothing big is being planned.

F. Parish Council Recruitment and Discernment/Amy Nordloh

We will wait until next meeting to move forward with recruitment/discernment as two people interested were not able to make this meeting because they are on the mission trip in the Dominican Republic.

G. Kenosha Deanery Report/Amy Nordloh

Still no word on The Deanery Report.

H. New Business

Jeff Swanson gave an update on All Saints Catholic School. The new campus is going well. Jeff shared that 64% of the current families have already enrolled for next school year and there is talk that there could be a waiting list. There has been a change in principals, Dan Jorgenson has resigned and Kelly Neu has taken his place.

I. Closing Prayer – Amy Nordloh

J. Next Meeting – Pastoral Council on Monday March 2, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center Dining Room

Respectfully Submitted by Kitty Plovanich