

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

St. Mary of Mt Carmel Parish

Eagle Center

Date: Wednesday, October 25th, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by Wayne Frost at 7:10 pm
2. Roll Call:

Members Present: Cory Mullen - Jennifer Platt – Dennis Blunt -Wayne Frost – Kelsey Easley
Nancy Meier

Absent: Kaylee McGarvey (may have not known to attend and will be contacted)

Guests: Lizzie Monat – Stephanie Ollendieck

3. Opening Prayer was said by Father Tony
4. **Previous meeting:** Prior meeting notes were recapped, and agenda reviewed.

5. Committee Reports

1. Finance: (Stephanie Ollendieck)

- Looking at ways to best use the investment options within the Catholic Foundation with funds that are currently held at the Archdiocese.
- Funds for educational purposes paid from the general fund have been reimbursed. Covered expenses were for 2022 and 2023year. (NCYC and the Bosco Endowment)

2. Faith Formation: (Kaylee McGarvey) -nothing to report

- Angie Wilson continues to offer the Children's Liturgy of the World during mass. (classes are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month)

3. Social Justice (Kelsey Easley): -nothing to report

- Mats for the homeless held their last meeting this month and hosted an appreciation luncheon. (meetings to continue)
- The annual Christmas Giving Tree for Harmony House will be available for parishioners to participate in. Nancy Meier will be coordinating the event.
- Gift of Life for Babies collection will continue through the month of October. (collecting items for Alternatives Pregnancy Center)

4. Community Life/Parish Life: (Kelsey Easley):

- Kelsey has created a St. Mary Facebook page that will keep parishioners informed and highlight our church in action by showcasing our many activities. A link from our website to this page could come later.

- Parish Vitality kick off breakfast was a success with about 54 people attending.
- A parish “cookie walk” is in the works during the holiday winter months. More details to follow.

5. Spiritual Growth/Liturgy (Nancy Meier): -nothing to report

- An anonymous donor has supplied St. Mary’s parish with copies of Matthew Kelly’s, “Beautiful Eucharist”. These books will be handed out during the Christmas season for more families to benefit from such a generous gift.

6. Stewardship/Physical Property (Dennis Blunt):

- Kelsey will check with her husband Nathan on taking over for Terry Reiter. Nathan would do minor repairs around the church. He would also check in with Joe and Elaine Siebel. Wages for this position will be reviewed along with job descriptions for the other duties completed.
- The new signs for St. Mary are completed and with the crops out of the fields, Dennis and Wayne will get the posts installed for them to be mounted on.
- Cement work has been completed along with the water issues being resolved.
- All Star Plumbing and Heating will be working on the thermostat. (there are three different controls)

7. Cluster Council (Cory Mullen): Nothing new to report.

6. Consideration of Correspondence: Nothing new to report

7. Unfinished Business:

- Document storage at St. Mary’s rectory to be reviewed.
- Look into getting/finding maps of the water lines and electrical lines in case of further work.
- The new coffee machine will need to be used at least once a week to ensure the machine doesn’t get build-up within it.

8. New Business:

- The Cluster Mission Statement will be added on the meeting agenda. (at top)
- Tim Huber will be creating a financial/income statement to provide parishioners information on how St. Mary’s is doing financially.
- Committees will provide information on how each relates to the goals and vitality of the parish. This will educate parishioners and could recruit new members to join. (could put in the bulletin)
- Thank you message to go in the bulletin for the new coffee machine and ice machine.
- Welcome letter(s) to go out to parishioners. The intent of the letter is to reach out in hopes of reconnecting and generating increased attendance and involvement.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, at 7:00 pm (moved due to scheduling)

10. Closing Prayer said by Father Tony and meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Officers:

Chair: Wayne Frost

Vice Chair: Nancy Meier

Liturgy: Nancy Meier

Secretary: Jennifer Platt

Social Justice/Parish Community Life: Kelsey Easley

Cluster Council: Dennis Blunt/Cory Mullen

Stewardship/Physical Property: Dennis Blunt