

## St, Mary Parish Council Meeting Minutes 8/28/23

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm, adjourned at 8:01

Present: Fr. Bill, Anne Green, Kathleen Day, Kristin Osentoski, Becky Keiser, Trevor Rolph, Marita Martin, Scott Staelgraeve, Mary Karen McClellan, Louise Rohrkemper, Austin Endter and Pat Rohrer  
Opening Prayer: Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Introduction of members

April 24, 2023 minutes approved

Old Business: 1. Marita reported Family Prayer Service & VBS were a success! 2. Mary Karen will work on Council calendar 3. Austin highlighted youth ministry. 4. Pat Rohrer gave us a presentation about the Hospitality Ministry. Her presentation included the following: On Oct. 22 we will have a Welcome for New Parishioners (dating back to 2018-2023) due to COVID, and invitations will be sent out in the mail. We are encouraged to invite people if we know them. Pat would like some help with this. Planning the event following the 10:00am Mass on Oct. 22. This will be a real “celebration” that we have new members. More info to follow.

New Business: 1. Need a secretary Kristin and Becky will take turns taking Council minutes 2. Discussed St. Paul Street Evangelization, will need volunteers, not parish based. St. Paul evangelization group: Fr. Bill gave permission to invite participants to form the group. We can put this in the bulletin and seek out people that have the right charism and are interested. We may invite a speaker: Bob Wilson, he would come and tell a group of people about the St. Paul group. He is a very awesome speaker, he lives in Canton, MI. Kathie and Joe Hardesty will work on the specifics of this and see where it leads. 3. Seminar series—when would be best time to hold—Sat morning or Sunday evening—specifics will be discussed later. 4. We would like to offer something to grow the parish spiritually, possibilities of a “Called and Gifted” workshop followed by a “Life in the Spirit” seminar were suggested--both of these will be researched with Marita and others on the parish team over the next few months.

Pastor Report from Fr. Bill: 1. Parish picnic will be held 9/10, volunteers are needed. 2. Church directory will out by end of Oct. 3. Next chicken BBQ 10/7. 4. Bingo will be starting back up in a few months

Religious Ed update from Marita: Starting 9/17

Youth Ministry update from Austin: Starting 9/17

Music & liturgy update from Austin: Going well

Finance update from Fr. Bill: Church is good shape, donations are down a little

New Parishoner breakfast update Pat Rohrer. Will be held after 10:00 mass 10/22 to welcome new members.

Next meeting will be September 25, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

*Kristin Osentoski*