St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes

November 25, 2019 7pm

Present: Fr. Bill, Scott Staelgraeve, Marita Martin, Anne Green, Rich Barston, Dianne Pohl, Tom Turek, MaryLou Hahn-Setta, Deacon Wayne, Shelly Wheaton, Patrice Marner Absent: Deacon Tom

Prayer: Our Father

Formation: Scott reiterated the power of fasting especially during difficult times.

Minutes: October 28, 2019 approved

Old Business:

1. Secretary for Pastoral Council-Anne Green
2. Pursuing either Ken Klovski or Colton Watersbury to join Council.
3. Diocesan Pastoral Council Minutes of November 7, 2019 were shared. These minutes presented an overview what is happening in the diocese: Craig Pohl’s discussed 4 Levels of Happiness which will be presented in 4 location in 2020, Catholic Social Teaching discussed by Dave Borzenski, and Realign Resources for Mission and Call Initiative presented by Deb Amato. All committees are to form communities of missionary disciples who “*Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord*.”
4. Commissioning of new members of Pastoral Council during the 10 am Mass

December 1, 2019

New Business:

1. State of Parish Address at all Masses weekend of January 25/26, 2020
2. Breakfast to welcome new members of our parish after the 10am Mass sponsored by K of C and Pastoral Council January 26.

Reports:

Pastor: Fr. Bill 1) Revenue from “Witness to Hope” will help to complete bathrooms depending on the continued commitment of those who gave to campaign. Two years are remaining. 2) Parish audit completed which was reported to the Diocese. These items have been implemented: Drop safe for collections, new locks, small safe for all checks. 3) The leaky rectory basement has been fixed. 4) Angela Harms is heading the decorating committee for the church. 5) Liturgical Commission is formed under the direction by Deacon Tom. 6)St.Michael Prayer will end on December 1 but may be said privately. 7) 2020 Missalettes are in church. 8)Transition of Steve Hinz as Music Minister in July of 2020. (Recommendation of a farewell celebration for Regulo in June.). 9) Picnic and 175th Anniversary of Parish Celebration in September

Religious Education: Marita 1) Community Day with various activities regarding Thanksgiving, Vocations Christmas and the Mass in November. 2) Reconciliation Meetings. 3) Flint Christmas Boxes have been completed. 4) Women’s Conference in October had a lower turnout but was very powerful. 5) Regional Youth Conference had 22,000 youth attending in Indianapolis. 6) Confirmation March 5 with approximately 45 confirmands. 7) Youth Group Mission Trips 2020: Spring-Flint and Summer Owensboro, Kentucky.

K of C: Tom Turek 1) Bingo profits were $1700 another Bingo will be February 21. 2) Fish Fry to begin February 28.

Finance: no report

Respect Life Commission: Anne Green 1) “Choose Life Luminaries” distributed the weekend of January 18/19 to be displayed on the 21st. 2) March for Life in Washington January 24th-Alan and Eileen Augustine planning to attend. 3) Rosary for Life in the St. Mary Adoration Chapel at 7pm January 23. 4) February 1, 2020 10am Gathering to discuss Pornography with a breakfast served at 9:30. 5) 40 Days for Life Campaign begins at Planned Parenthood in Ann Arbor February 23.. Upcoming Events:

1. Christmas Events: December 6-Live Nativity at Palmer Commons, December 7-Christmas Parade with a sponsored float from St. Mary.
2. Reconciliation Services during the week prior to Christmas
3. Christmas gifts to parishioners: CD - “Why Be Catholic”, Book -“Mary’s Jewish Roots”
4. Feeding the Homeless in Ann Arbor-December 27.

Meeting ended at 8pm with the Hail Mary

Next Meeting-December 30, 2019 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Green