**St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes** October 25th, 2021 7:07pm

Present: Scott Staelgraeve, Marita Martin, Anne Green, Rich Barston, Kathie Day, Deacon Wayne, Steve Hinz, Ken Klovski and WELCOME TO JENNA HINES

Absent: Deacon Tom, Deacon Mike, Fr. Bill and Tom Turek Prayer: Prayer to Jesus Christ for the Holy Souls –St. Alphonsus Liguori Minutes: September 27 2021, minutes approved

Old Business: 1.) Realigning resources for mission update by Scott; all is in place, we have strong parishes in our tier and we will unite resources when applicable, ex. The parish mission in March 2022. Also, if parish members send children to the Pinkney Catholic School they will receive tuition help. 2.) Kathie Day updated the progress on the ‘Hearing God’s Voice’ prayer workshop (day of reflection) lead by the graduates from Encounter Ministry School. We have invited St. Mary Pinckney and St. Joe’s Dexter to participate. So far 23 people are signed up and we are getting everything in place, including music practices for the praise music that day.

New Business: 1.) Note that we have a new member, as Jenna Hines has joined us tonight. Other past members have now resigned the council, so we spent a few minutes on introductions. 2.) Rich Barston gave a presentation on a new “Awareness Strategy” that will facilitate building our parish ministry resources. The main question: How to get people to volunteer for ministry? Building desire is important and also discernment (placing new people on ministry teams). A ‘Volunteer Coordination team’ will be formed and report to the council. It may be good timing to bring “Called and Gifted” workshop to our parish? Scot will follow up.

**Reports:**

Pastor /Religious Education /Youth Ministry: No new reports

Finance /Music /Liturgy /Hospitality /Commission /Video ministries: No New Reports

Music Ministry / Liturgy Report / Parish Mission: Steve Hinz

**Music**

1. St. Mary Choir - 19 members
2. Jubilate - The Youth Choir of St. Mary - launches on Sunday
3. Community Outreach
   1. Supported Craig Houle - Completed 4 Summer/Fall Hymn Sing Concerts at Silver Maples, Dancey House Chapel, Towsley Village, The Pines (5 of us on this team)
   2. Festival of Lessons and Carols
      1. Silver Maples
      2. Chelsea Retirement Center?

**Liturgy**

1. Team of 14 - diverse representation of our liturgical ministries
   1. Goals
      1. to develop our liturgy as a celebration that fosters and nourishes faith and through good catechesis on liturgy
      2. transform our parish toward full, active and conscious participation by the people in order to live out the mission of Jesus and the Church in the world.
   2. Catechetical Tools
      * 1. 3 minutes More - once a month before Mass
        2. bulletin
        3. weekly Liturgy Commission E-News
        4. information in our quarterly newsletter
        5. offering ideas to our religious education classes and the youth group

**Parish Mission**

* Reboot! St. Mary Chelsea and St. Joseph Dexter
* Chris Stefanick (EWTN) on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at Dexter Church
* Producing with Marinell High
* $39 / $30 - St. Mary will subsidize for $20 / $15 (4 or more)
* Outreach team – a diverse group of 25 people so far

K of C: Ken asked us to think about being ‘good stewards’ of the money for projects in the parish. New ideas for building a strong parish community are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

1. Trunk or Treat in the St. Mary parking lot Friday night October 29th, 2021
2. November 6th ‘Hearing God’s Voice’ day of reflection begins after 9:00am Mass. This is for adult men and women. The youth leadership team may also attend.
3. Thanksgiving service for the community; November 21st @ 3:00pm St. Mary Church

Closing Prayer: Hail, Holy Queen

Meeting ended at 8:07pm. Next Meeting: November 29, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen C. Day