St. Mary Pastoral Council

September Minutes

9/24/18

Those present: Sean Hilbert, Fr. Bill, Patrice Marner, Kathie Day, Deacon Tom, Marita Martin, Scott Staelgraeve, Tom Turek, MaryLou Hahn-Setta

Opening Prayer was a decade of the Rosary.

Old Business

**Parish Picnic** went very well, plenty of food although we ran out of baked chicken early (mostly because it looked way more appetizing than last year’s baked chicken.)

**Diocesan Assembly:** Almost 14,000 in attendance, 6,000 in the Eucharistic Procession. Scott was very moved. The speakers were excellent. Marita really liked Fr. Mike Schmitz presentation.

**Prayer Vigil for Families:** Kathie Day spoke about the Intercessory Prayer group wanting to lead a 3 hour prayer vigil for the healing of families. Marita will work with Kathie on dates.

**Encounter Ministries Healing Service:** Kathie & Patrice suggested a healing service with Fr. Matthias Thelen in the near future. Since we are putting our resource to the Parish Mission with Mike Patin we will look for open dates in 2019/2020.

New Business

**New PC members:** Scott asked for suggestions for Pastoral Council and will be contacting those named.

**Hometown Holiday Help:** We will be placing articles in the bulletin to recruit a chair & co-chair for the Annual Christmas event to help Dave & Mary Purcell, Dan & Linda Rosolowski and Deanna Robbins. We will work with them to develop a job description.

**CMF Curo:** a health sharing agency that helps provide/cover the cost of affordable health care in a Catholic context will speak to the parish on 10/22/18 in the Parish Hall. Jordon Buzza is the speaker.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis: Fr. Bill was soliciting opinions regarding his homily on the clergy sexual abuse crisis. The supplement from 23rd Publications on Responding to the crisis was distributed.

Music Ministry: Cantors are meeting on Saturday. Scott remarked that Anne Marie did a great job developing the cantors.

Land Swap with IHA: Situation has not moved forward. Scott asked if any income we received could be tithed to the poor. Fr. Bill agreed that was a good idea.

**Religious Education:** Full house for middle school orientation. The Wednesday Bible study & Sunday Adult Ed are growing. Marita will be opening the new Virtus Training to the entire parish.

**Youth Ministry:** MaryLou is holding a Meet the Ministry Team Wine & Cheese Party for parents of HS students. We hope we can encourage parents to continue prioritizing faith development through many different ministries St. Mary offers.

**Finance:** Fr. Bill stated that there has been no decline in weekly offerings due to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

**K of C:** recruiting new members and sponsoring a Tootsie Roll Drive in October, 2018.