**St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes September 25, 2017**

**Present:** Scott Staelgraeve, Renee Doster, Mary Lou Hahn Setta, Fr. Bill, Kathie Day, Anne Green, Marita Martin, Shelley Wheaton, Tom Turek, Matt Jordan, Deacon Tom, Pat Rohrer

**Prayer:** Kathie Day

**Formation:** Scott, “See Life Through God’s Eyes” taken from the National Catholic Register

**Old Business:**

1. Alpha update- Scott- Kelly Houle has been hired as the director of the Alpha Program.
2. Parish Picnic- Scott- Good attendance, set up and clean up went well. There was too much fried chicken and not enough baked.

**New Business:**

1. Holy Land benefit concert and Spring Meal- Marita will verify date of April 15 and time for these events.
2. Parish Council Photo – to be taken at the end of the meeting.

**Reports:**

1. Pastor’s Report- Fr. Bill- Parish plan is going well, finances are good, trip to Canada, 22 will go,

October 9th-14th.

1. Religious Education- Marita- Middle School orientation went well, a thank you to our young people who did a great job helping in the nursery, Liturgy of the Word for our little ones has begun, The Women’s Conference will be held on Saturday, November 4 at the Lansing Conference Center.
2. Youth Ministry- Mary Lou- 45 youth attended adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confirmation will be, February 28 and 8th graders have been invited to participate (this is returning to the old model of Confirmation occurring every 2 years).
3. K of C- There will be two meetings a month and this Wednesday, September 27 will be the yearly planning meeting.
4. Other Parish Ministries- Anne Green gave an update on her research on security measures for late night and early morning Adoration. Father Bill and Beth will investigate options, possibly combining a method with the installation of a handicap door.

**Upcoming Events:**

1. Healing Mass- Blessing of Pets- Taste of Chelsea—Saturday, October 7
2. Rosary at the rock- October 13th
3. Prayer for Peace- October 14th, noon at the Bell Tower

Father led us in a closing prayer

We went to church for a group Pastoral Council photograph.

**Next Meeting: October 30, 2017**