

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 4, 2022
Egg Harbor Office

Present: Deacon Tony Abts, Sharon Brabson, Jean Krebs, Chris Schmitz, Mike Trebotich, Kathy Wolff

Welcome and check-in: Sharon introduced and welcomed Chris Schmitz who has relocated with his family to Fish Creek. Chris enjoyed being a member of the Pastoral Council at St. Mary's in DePere and is glad to be joining the Stella Maris Council.

Reflection and Prayer: We reflected on selflessness after reading an essay called "Mind the Moss."

Review and Discernment to Accept August Minutes: August minutes were approved pending corrections of last names. The secretary will update the chart of FY23 Council members and will send to all.

Member Roles for FY23: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Liaisons

Council members were reminded that in FY 24 the terms of Chair and Secretary and two liaisons will end. Members discussed filling the roles of Vice-chair, Faith Formation Liaison, Living Justice Liaison, and Parish Life Liaison for FY23 and hope to fill these roles by November 1.

Discussion:

- The name of the "Education Commission" ought to be "Faith Formation" because the focus of education should be Discipleship Formation.
- Role of the Vice-chair involves: taking over meetings in the absence of the Chair, providing direction during the meeting, and modeling consensus. The office of Vice-chair does not include the commitment to be Chair.
- New members expressed interest in learning more about the positions. Jean is willing to assume one of these roles as well.

Sharon will contact Diane Kalscheuer from the island and ask if she is interested in being on the Council.

Entrust Training Update:

Deacon Tony reviewed the history of Entrust at Stella Maris.

- May 2022: the first group of ten parishioners, including Fr. Tom and Deacon Tony, received training by the diocesan team in a three day session held at the Abbey in DePere.
- June 2022: the parish invited leaders of all ministries to a training in Door County. 33 people participated in the three days of learning and sharing presented by the diocesan team.
- September: We had planned to hold another session in September, but we did not have the thirty-five people necessary for the diocesan team to travel to Door County.

Recently, the diocese has developed another model of training that requires less time. The training begins on a Friday evening and ends on Saturday at 4 pm. Those who have already been trained are confident that they could staff one of these sessions. In addition, Kristen Byrd would be able to do most of the Saturday program. Two weekends have been named as possible dates for this kind of experience: November 4-5 and November 11-12. A reunion day with potluck dinner and follow-up has been planned for November 13. More details will be forthcoming.

Council Plans to support and implement Mission Planning Goals:

Presently there are 11 projects related to Mission Planning goals in the works. The council's role is to provide more discipleship information and help us reach out to more people. It's important for the liaisons share the goals and work with their groups so they understand the mission plan better. Once more parishioners have been trained, liaisons and the groups with whom they work will develop an idea that is related to that ministry/group and be empowered to take the idea and run with it.

The Stella Maris parish mission plan has three priorities:

1. Embrace discipleship—this concept is already stated in our mission and vision statements. As a parish, we are committed to serving others, to welcoming others to worship with us, and to deepening our involvement in the community.
2. Engaging with others: as disciples we talk about our faith with each other, and we reach out to others whom we have lost because of the merger or other reasons.
3. Expanding the impact of Stella Maris in the broader Door County community.

Deacon Tony will send us the most current version of the Mission Plan.

One goal for Council members is that everyone will attend an Entrust training in November, 2022.

Update on One by One Campaign:

At present the campaign has raised \$1.3 million dollars. On Friday, October 7, parishioners have been invited to attend one of two information sessions at Sister Bay. During the sessions, Fr. Tom, Deacon Tony, and Marci from the diocesan team will explain the campaign and answer questions. The One by One team hopes that all pledges will have been made by December, 2022.

Our next meeting will be December 6. We will be planning a holiday party.

We closed the meeting with prayer at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wolff