



STELLA MARIS PARISH

OUR LADY "STAR OF THE SEA"™

April 9, 2019 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Pastoral Council Members Present – *Sharon Brabson, Mary Gomoll, Pat Gureski, Mark Kunstman, Paul Liss, Al Moser, Pete Passuntino, Michelle Piatek, Jeanne Rabel, Ann Rose, Father David Ruby*

Opening Prayer and Reflection – *On the Value of Prayer*

Review of Minutes for Consensus – *Minutes from the January 22nd meeting were reviewed and approved by consensu*

Pastors Report –

- * The Finance Council is working on plans for the improvements needed at Egg Harbor.*
- * The repair to the wall in front of Baileys Harbor is completed.*
- * Jim Charles and Kevin Revolinski are working hard to keep things going at our 5 church sites plus the work that needs to be done to update the rectory for the incoming pastor.*
- * Father Dave announced a Parish Retreat to be held on Friday evening, May 31st at 7:00 PM and two sessions on Saturday morning, June 1st from 9:00 – 12 noon led by Dr. Gordon T. Smith. The topic of Dr. Smith's talks will be "Teach Us to Pray: Discernment and Conversion in a Secular Age". The retreat will be held at Sister Bay and will include refreshments and fellowship after the Friday evening session, an optional light breakfast gathering on Saturday before the first talk, and a luncheon at noon after the second talk. Alpha members will be asked to help with the food. Katrina Welborn will be asked to help with publicity. We will invite members from other Door County churches to join us and ads will be placed in The Pulse inviting all to attend.*
- * The dinner for parish leadership members to celebrate Father Dave will be on Thursday, June 13th. More information to follow. The parish farewell party for Father Dave will be on Friday, June 28th from 4:00-7:00 PM.*
- * Father may have found someone to help with the jail ministry.*

- * He complimented CSR for the development of so many outreach groups and for the outstanding work they are doing to help our parish and local community.*
- * Father thanked Katrina for the beautiful Taize service last week as well as the work she is doing with our parish music and worship.*
- * The new parish website and app will be going “live” within the next week! Father praised Kevin for all the work he’s put into investigating and creating this improved tool for our parish.*

Workbook Discussion – *There was a lively discussion related to the section on page 10, “Toward a New Model”. In answer to a question about “articulating the mission”: We need to make sure our committees are supporting the vision and mission of the parish and get the message out. How can we bring the mission down to the people? What does it mean for us to live the parish mission? We need to continue to bring our five parish values to those in the pews!*

- * As Catholics, we’ve not always been carrying out our goal to follow Jesus and help others follow the gospel message.*
- * Should we have another listening session related to our parish mission, vision, and values? The more we can offer opportunities to our parishioners, the better we’ll do.*
- * Liaisons should be sharing the Pastoral Council minutes each month to get the info out to the committee heads and members.*
- * Ann Rose will prepare and lead the prayer for the next Pastoral Council meeting in July.*
- *All read the section on the Consensus Process on pages 56-61 in the workbook.**

Review of Planning from January Meeting – *Using the minutes from the training and planning meeting, we briefly discussed the opportunities for growth as well as our brainstorming ideas to help in the transition to our new pastor, Father Tom Farrell. Lots of good suggestions and questions from Al, Pete, and Mark! It was agreed that the top ideas included:*

- 1. Educate Father Tom on Stella Maris mission, vision, values, and how the pastoral council and various commissions and committees work. Sharon is preparing an introductory binder for Father Tom and will get this to him before we meet with him. She will both mail and email him the information.*
- 2. Give Father Tom the opportunity to share his goals/priorities/ values.*
- 3. Invite the new pastor to a meet the pastoral council. Paul will contact him and get back to us. As many as possible will attend.*

4. Identify what we perceive as opportunities for growth within Stella Maris. We may hold off on this until our first regular pastoral council meeting with Father Tom.

Developing an agenda for meeting with new pastor –

Paul has contacted Father Tom and the council members.

Father Tom will meet with whoever is available from the pastoral council at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, April 23rd at the parish office in Egg Harbor. The agenda includes:

1. *Meet and greet – Welcoming Father Tom and introducing ourselves to him.*
2. *Giving Father Tom the opportunity to share his ideas/goals/priorities for Stella Maris Parish.*
3. *Ask him, “What do you need from us?” and “What can we do to help you?”*
4. *Social – If you’re available, we’ll contact you regarding food.*

Setting Dates for Future Meetings for FY2019 –

Pastoral Council Prayer Meeting – Tues., April 30th, 10:30 – 3:00 PM at Sister Bay

Pastoral Council Meeting - Tuesday, July 16th at 1:00 PM.

Agenda items to include:

1. *Improving communication. Invite Kevin Revolinski and discuss thoughts on the new website & app, a possible blog where folks could have a voice & ask questions, discussing the possibility of putting the parish on FaceBook and/or Instagram.*
2. *Workbook discussion on “Consensus”, pages 56-61.*
3. *Some of the top “Opportunities for Growth” from our January meeting – getting more people involved, encouraging our youth and their parents to become involved, communication.*
4. *Growing in Discipleship – Alpha and post-Alpha ideas; How do we keep the growth going? How do we help people move forward in their relationship with Jesus?*

Closing Prayer - *We prayed the Stella Maris Parish Prayer together.*

Respectfully submitted by Mary Gomoll