

## July 17, 2019 Stella Maris Pastoral Council Minutes

Members present – Father Tom Farrell, Mark Kunstman, Michelle Piatek, Tom Polacek, Kevin Revolinski, Sharon Brabson, Paul Liss, Alan Moser, Pete Passuntino, Jeanne Rabel, Mary Gomoll

Opening Prayer was followed by a review and consensus of minutes.

**Pastor's Discussion** – Father Tom has been at all Stella Maris sites and feels that his first two weeks are going okay. When asked, “What can we do to help?”, Father Tom asked us to be open and available to help. His priorities include getting a feel for the parish and how we do things. He'd like to center all the tabernacles within the parish churches, which we helped him accomplish at Sister Bay after the meeting. Father Tom said he will try to live through this first year to get a feel for things. Father Tom has lots of ideas for Stella Maris Parish and is grateful for the excellent parish staff and all our church sites.

In discussing our assigned workbook section on “**Consensus**”, we agreed that a good facilitator is needed. Perhaps we can take turns with that position. People need to make time to listen to one another and freely discuss options. But ultimately, the pastor's decision stands.

Kevin Revolinski introduced the diocesan *Disciples on the Way* program of **Parish Mission Planning**. This is not about rebuilding, but rather incorporating our current parish mission. Kevin handed out information provided by the diocese, which also included his notes on what is involved. We need to choose members of a Core Team - including a facilitator, a tech representative, and a communication liaison – who will all need to go through diocesan training sessions. Leaders who can enable and empower others are needed.

There was also a discussion about the parish beginning a **Facebook page**. Many council members weren't interested in maintaining a presence on Facebook, but Kevin assured them that a staff member would be in charge and handle it. The Stella Maris Parish page on Facebook was started a bit later in July 2019.

In reviewing the work done at the January 2019 all day meeting, it was noted that Father Tom's *Introduction to Stella Maris Parish* book was completed in time for his April visit.

**Communication** is the key piece with our commission liaisons needing to continually share with their committees what is happening on the pastoral council and how it affects them. In September, one person from each parish committee or commission will be invited to present information to the pastoral council. We will be asked to share our committee's ideas on bringing forth the parish values and how they can support our parish mission.

Tom Polacek announced that he plans to get the **Annual Report** done earlier than previous years and that the annual parish meeting will also be earlier. All commission heads were asked to get their information regarding what their commission did from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 along with plans for the coming year to Tom by early September.

Sharon talked about our focus on discipleship as our parish mission and vision. Steering this discussion will be part of the pastoral council's responsibility. Sharon, Mark, and Jan will lead this.

Pete brought up the question of security at church during our weekend Masses. He will check into it with Kevin and it will be on the October agenda.

**Future Pastoral Council Meeting Dates include:**

September 17 – 8:00 am Mass, continental breakfast, meeting from 9:00 – 11:30 am;

Presentations by committee/commission members

October 15 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Council Business Meeting

December 17 – Council Prayer Meeting followed by a Christmas social

January 21 – Council Business Meeting – outline process for planning FY 2021

April 21 – Council Business Meeting

May 19 – Full day away – evaluate council and plan for fiscal year 2021

July 21 – Council Business Meeting

Minutes submitted by Mary Gomoll