

# St. Mary Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, April 13, 2022

**Present:** Austin Rose, Fr. Michael Lightner, Ann Hoernke, Joe Fahley, Carol Van Marter, Joe Lukasik

**Present via teleconferencing:** Mike Anderson

**Excused:** Michael Sajbel, Dr Susan Allen, Joel Kuplack, Andrea Spencer

**Guests:** Steve Siegel

Father Mike opened the meeting at 5 pm with a prayer.

Austin motioned to approve the agenda and Carol seconded it. Agenda was approved.

Austin motioned to approve the agenda and Carol seconded it. Minutes were approved.

### **Fr. Mike's Update:**

Father was extremely pleased with the Mass attendance on Palm Sunday. We had 915 people attend the four Masses. The 11 am Mass was the most popular with 335 people, followed by the 4 pm Mass with 252, 193 at the 9 am Mass and 135 at the 6 pm Mass.

Father attended the Chrism Mass at the cathedral and brought back the Holy Oils.

The Adult Faith Formation Director position, shared by all five Neenah/Menasha parishes, has been posted.

The SM and SJ Finance Councils have agreed to a part-time Youth Minister position for our parishes for the next fiscal year. Steve talked with the business managers of the other Neenah/Menasha parishes to see if they were interested in sharing a Youth Minister, but they did not express any interest at this time.

### **Budget Item Needs:**

The Finance Council will begin working on next year's budget, so if any committee leader has any needs/wants, they should get them to Steve before April 20. Austin will determine how many of the larger sizes of altar server cassocks and surplices are needed. He also mentioned a wish to refinish some altar candle holders.

### **Review and Update Organizational Chart:**

Quite a bit of time was dedicated to going over the organizational chart of the parish. Consensus was reached on what works for our parish, and now we can begin finding leaders to fill the openings in several areas.

**Welcoming Table:**

It was agreed that we need to get our Welcome Table manned for the Easter Masses. A Welcome folder for prospective parishioners will be made available to hand out. Discussion ensued as to how we can promote new parishioners. Father suggested creating a video to put on our website promoting all we have to offer.

**Trustee Update:**

As of 4/13/22, we have \$310,520 in pledges for the “one by One” campaign from 45 donors. That is about 49% of our goal. The next reception will be at the end of this month. We are following the Diocese’s marketing team’s plan and are only targeting certain parishioners right now with the goal of reaching all parishioners in May/June.

We are still looking for a musician to help Kim.

This is the last week for the joint Neenah/Menasha parishes’ Lenten radio ad.

As of today, we have sold 396 raffle tickets for the Cash Raffle.

**Adjournment:**

Joe Fahley closed the meeting with prayers. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. **Next meeting is at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hoernke  
Secretary Trustee