

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Present: Fr. Michael Lightner, Ann Hoernke, Austin Rose, Joe Lukasik, Michael Sajbel, Dr Susan Allen, Carol Van Marter, Joe Fahley (via phone)

Guests: Steve Siegel

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

The minutes were approved via email back in July.

Joe L motioned to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Carol seconded it and the agenda was approved.

Discussion Topics:

- a. **Schedule for future Pastoral Council meetings** - the diocese requires 4 meetings per fiscal year. After discussion, Susan made a motion that we meet November 8, January 10, March 13, and April 10. Carol seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- b. **Ideas for filling open subcommittee meetings** - Father mentioned that there was a great turnout for *That Man is You* and maybe with the success of that program, we might be able to get those men more involved as volunteers. Father also hopes to start a women's group in the future. We will be including a petition every week in the Prayers of the Faithful calling for more volunteers. However, the best way to increase the number of volunteers is by approaching people directly.
- c. **Welcome Weekend** - September 16-17 after both Masses. Michael is organizing this with several helpers. Invitations were sent to 20 families who have joined our parish since last September, but the reception will be open to all who are at Mass. Carol will help coordinate the food. Welcome folders will be available for potential new parishioners too.
- d. **Second Saturday Social and Movie Night** - After taking a break during the summer months, Carol offered a social this past Saturday. Twenty-five parishioners enjoyed a light meal and conversation. Games were offered too. Carol and Austin have decided to alternate months for Second Saturday Social and Movie Night. Austin will offer a movie on October 14.

Update from Fr. Mike:

Father updated the council on the status of the finances for painting the church interior.

Update from Trustee - Ann Hoernke:

- St Gabe's is hosting a Fall-Faith-Family rosary event on Sunday, October 1 from 11-1 pm.
- On Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm St Gabe's is hosting Noelle Garcia to speak on "13 Reasons Why You Matter." It's a presentation on mental health and suicide. Susan asked that we promote it on Facebook.

- There is charism discernment workshop titled “Called and Gifted” on Saturday, October 28 from 8 am to 4 pm with location to be determined later (either St Margaret Mary or St. Pat’s.) This workshop should help us find people with gifts for our various needs.
- Dec 8 is our feast day (and Holy Day of Obligation.) St John’s will have a Mass at noon and there will be a 7pm Mass at St Mary with the choir. Lessons and Carols will be the following weekend.
- Ann proposed a change to the Jolly Holly Soup/Candy/Cookie event. She would like to take orders for the soup/candy/cookies and then organize a cooking/baking day for a fun and productive parish social. She will try to assemble a team for this.

Adjournment:

Austin motioned to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Carol. The meeting adjourned at 6 pm. Fr Mike closed the meeting with a prayer. **The next meeting is at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hoernke, Secretary Trustee