

# St. Mary Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, February 8, 2023

**Present:** Fr. Michael Lightner, Ann Hoernke, Carol Van Marter, Joe Fahley, Joel Kuplack

**Excused:** Austin Rose, Joe Lukasik, Michael Sajbel, Dr Susan Allen

**Guests:** Steve Siegel

Father Mike opened the meeting at 5:10 pm with a prayer.

Joel motioned to approve the agenda and Ann seconded it. Agenda was approved.

The minutes from the December 14 meeting were approved via email.

### **Discussion Topic:**

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing evangelization - what it means and how our parish can evangelize. Two things were accomplished. First, it was decided to conclude the announcements before Mass with an invitation to greet those around you. A simple statement was drafted, and Steve will get it into the announcements starting February 11-12. Secondly, the following paragraph was created to define the role of the Evangelization Committee.

“Evangelization is showing Jesus’s love flowing through us in everyday life. Our Evangelization Committee works to affirm people’s gifts to courageously love one another through our actions. This team, through welcoming, greeting, public relations, and planning social events, fosters a community that is united through the Eucharist.”

Detailed ideas pertaining to potential actions of the subcommittees were also discussed. They will be typed up and distributed to parish council members before the next meeting for discussion and refinement.

### **Old Business:**

Last October the parish council decided to host 3 Second Saturday Socials as an attempt to increase attendance at the 6 pm Mass, and then evaluate the success of the events. Mass attendance has been increasing. Attendance at the socials has increased too. There were 22 people in November, 35 in December and 50 in January. Most people came for the food and fellowship rather than the board games/cards/trivia. It was decided to continue with Second Saturday Socials in February and March and then reevaluate. Carol volunteered to be the host, and June Dorn will help her.

**Actions for Next Meeting:**

**\*\*\*Committee leaders are asked to send any reports to Joe Fahley ahead of the meeting.**

We will continue to focus on creating responsibilities for one Parish Council committee each month until all five committees are defined. **The discussion topic for next month will be the Worship Committee. All Council members are asked to write one paragraph suggesting duties of that committee.**

**Adjournment:**

Carol motioned to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Ann. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Joe closed the meeting with a prayer. **The next meeting is at 5 pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hoernke  
Secretary Trustee