

St. Gregory the Great Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2017

PRESENT: Tricia Boyle, Barb Wilk, Donna Higgins, Marge Fischer, Tom Molinski, Fr. Tom Demse, Yolande Lasky, Mike Esser, Marge Casey, and Barb Freuck.

Absent: Patti Penkalski and Michelle Konkel.

Meeting started at 7:01 P.M. with Stewardship Prayer.

Minutes of the April 25, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

Fr. Tom's Time:

Matt Lawrenz is undergoing chemo therapy treatment at Froedtert Hospital right now. The prognosis is not clear yet. There is a link on the Caring Bridge.org for people to check on Matt's progress as his journey continues. There is a possibility for a fundraiser for Matt but right now we will wait until Matt and Athena let us know what and when and where. We will take our cue from them.

On Sunday, May 21, 2017 Confirmation will be held at 2:00 P.M. at Our Lady of Lourdes for the young people from both St. Greg's and OLOL. Fr. Bill Burkert will preside with Fr. Tom assisting. The practice for Confirmation will be Saturday, May 20th, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.

The two parishes need to submit three dates for next year's Confirmation class.

Nancy Chmielewski has been appointed Parish Director at Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Bill Burkert will be retiring in June. Fr. Bill Burkert will be an assisting priest at OLOL after retiring and Fr. Tom Demse will be the supervising priest for OLOL.

Chris O'Loughlin will be resigning at the end of June. She will be accepting a fulltime position at St. Matthew's Parish in Oak Creek.

Cindy Bremeier will be having surgery on May 31st, 2017.

School staff is coming back. School will be adding a literacy person, and there will be a variety of moves involving about 7 people.

The roof work and office doors will be worked on after the school year ends so there will be no disruption during the school day.

Deanery Meeting Report

Leadership Conference will be November 3, 2017 and November 4, 2017. It will cover **Spirituality of Stewardship** Conference for Leaders from 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. at Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, 3501 S. Lake Dr., St. Francis, WI 53235.

Post Synod updates will be put in bulletin quarterly.

Some of the information shared at the Deanery meeting was the numbers continuing to decline in the RCIA program and handouts on the Pastoral Effect of Pornography. The upcoming February 3, 2018 meeting for Council Chairs/Financial Chairs was discussed as well as parish collaboration and having difficulty adjusting to changes that collaboration brings to parishes.

All About Caring Parishes (emailed out to council members by Mike Esser) will be discussed at the September Pastoral Parish Council meeting.

Pastoral Parish Council June Discernment

Three parish members, Mary Gentile, Joel Eul and Kevin Baker will come for discernment on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017. Fr. Tom will ask Deacon Jim Banach to oversee the discernment starting around 7:15 P.M. Nominees will be asked to come at 7:00 P.M. so that they can attend the Pastoral Parish Council meeting and see what goes on at the Parish Council meetings. The nominees (after discernment) will be on deck in case of someone having to leave a council position in the upcoming year.

Commission Reports

Worship: Barb Freuck

The Arts & Environment committee continues to maintain the flowers that remain in the sanctuary since Easter. Additional flowers were purchased for the

weekends of First Communion and Mother's Day. The decorations on the altar will remain in place until June 4th which is Pentecost Sunday.

The planting around the parish grounds will take place on Saturday, May 27th (the Memorial weekend) starting at 8:00 A.M. Parishioners are welcome to help out at the planting. Additionally, a request for parishioners to share some of their perennials with the parish was put into the Sunday bulletin. Hopefully, some of the parishioners will be willing to give some of their flowers to help brighten up the parish grounds.

Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, greeters and lectors continue to plod along with the aid of Kathy Luty. Cindy Bremeier continues to put the invitation to parishioners to become active in our parish's ministries in the bulletin.

Formation: No formal report.

The 9th & 10th graders will have a cook-out on Sunday, June 4th, 2017 from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. with Gail DeFrancisco.

Human Concerns: Barb Wilk

St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to operate the food pantry the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month for the needy of the parish and neighborhood. In the month of June, there will be a food drive to replenish the pantry at St. Greg's for the upcoming months. The food generated by this June drive will be our primary source of canned goods until the November food drive. Each week in June there will be a list of items for each week along with a bonus item. The food drive will continue through the entire month of June. Please refer to the flyer in the monthly financial envelope and the Sunday bulletin for specific information regarding the needed food items.

Also, the St. Ben's meal program continues each 4th Wednesday of the month. Thanks to the volunteer food preparers and servers and the volunteer dessert makers, our parish continues to feed the hungry of our community each month.

Finance: Tom Molinski & Marge Casey

The Finance committee presented the monthly updated budget for review.

The anticipated improvements are all set to go after the close of the school year.

Pastoral Care: Tricia Boyle

The Pastoral Care commission is scheduled to serve at the monthly Hospitality Sunday on May 21st, 2017.

Community: Randy Green

The Shrimp Dinner was held on May 5th, 2017. Good turn out: 136 for shrimp and 36 for pizza. Made about \$1750 for the parish.

Spaghetti Dinner is set for Saturday, May 20th, 2017 from 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. in Tenpenny Hall.

School: Yolande Lasky

School Commission meeting was held just prior to the Pastoral Parish Council meeting tonight.

Yolande will present the notes from the May 16th, 2017 meeting at the June 13th, 2017 Pastoral Parish Council meeting.

Stewardship: Mike Esser

Mike Esser shared the Welcome Card, which Anchor Printing is printing for us. They will be in the kiosks and in the Hospitality Center.

We have scheduled the Ministry Fair for October 28/29, 2017. It is a Packer bye week. Staff/organizations will be available in the hall after all Masses. We hope to make this Hospitality Sunday weekend as well.

Our updated Ministry Directory will hopefully be completed this summer, and will be sent out with our fall newsletter/annual report in September. We will also have it available online.

Festival

Festival is still looking for captains for games for the parish festival. Please contact the parish office staff who will contact Marge Casey. You can also send a note to the school office.

Saz's sponsoring/paying for printing tickets for the festival.

Encourage volunteering for the festival.

Rummage Sale

Rummage sale was held the weekend after Easter. It was very successful; over \$4,000.00 was realized from the sale. Perhaps there should be flyers or postcards inviting people to come to St. Greg's available at the rummage sale. (Parish has to be welcoming—make it workable for neighbors).

Closing Notes

June Prayer – Yolande Lasky

Hospitality Sunday, May 21st, 2017 – Pastoral Care

Next meeting – June 13th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Great Room (**Discernment with Deacon Jim Banach**)

Closing Prayer: Mike Esser

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Barb Freuck, Secretary

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