

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
August 17, 2023**

The Parish Pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the CCC. Members present were Tom Oscar, Mary Bailey, Sandy Bishop, Pete Pintens, Levi Spaeth, Mary Luedke and Fr. Louis. Members absent: Doug Duchac, Michele Wingate, and Bear Wadzinski. Others present: Laura Reiter and Jeff Walker.

Fr. Louis began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mary B. made a motion to approve the minutes, Sandy seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Staff reports: Laura discussed the financial reports for the end of the fiscal year, 6/30/23. The church ended with a net profit of \$14,500.

Old Business:

1. Festival final update: The festival was a great success again this year, making about \$20,000. Mary B. suggested a "No Smoking" sign for next year.
2. Parish council festival booth report: Mary B. read some of the questions and comment people gave. Mary B. and Mary L. will meet with Fr. Louis to discuss the answers and they will be printed in the bulletin.
3. Church Marketing update: Juanita posted photos on facebook—we are working on getting more. The church web site has had 27,000 visitors this year, an average of 2000/month. Tom and Sandy are working with Tracy to make the website more user friendly. Tom is working with Jan on getting volunteer profiles for the bulletin.
4. Speakers for Faith Nights: The speaker is lined up for Sept 27. Mary L is working out the details for food and how to get the information out. Marianna will make a flyer.
5. Formed update: The cost of Formed would be \$2,200. There was talk of finding a sponsor(s) to help pay for it. The council would like to find out how many people would be interested. There was discussion on getting some video clips to send people or use a Faith Night to show people the platform. Levi will get some more info on a demonstration of the platform.

New Business:

Family mass

1. Family Mass/Religious Ed kick off August 27. It will also have a "Back to School" theme, with a blessing for educators and students and a backpack tag coloring activity for the kids. The new Canticle Choir will sing.

Other Business:

Mary B. led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 28** at 6:00PM in the CCC. Mary L will lead the closing prayer. Note the date change.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter