

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
June 15, 2023**

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

Fr. Louis began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed. Ann Jelinek asked if the council wanted St. Mary's to offer a flu clinic in the fall. About 40 people usually attend. Ann would have to look for a different provider, since Walgreens will now charge around \$600. The council seemed to want to host the flu clinic, especially if it would continue for free. Jan talked about the Eucharistic Procession. She said there were quite a few people at Mass at 10:30, and most participated in the procession. It was very successful for its first time. Juanita reported that the school staff is all hired and ready to go for next year.

Old Business:

1. Mass time change update: The letter that was sent out on June 15th was shown to the council. A membership update form went with the letter. There has been some feedback about the early mass. Fr. Louis stated that the change in mass times will stay and will be reviewed in March.
2. Respect Life Display options: At the last meeting, the keeping of the Respect Life Display was discussed and there were strong opinions on each side. More discussion ensued at this meeting, with a suggestion that maybe the display is out one or two times a year, shared with the school and/or hospitals, and/or include items for other respect life issues. Sandy asked Patti if the Respect Life Committee could come up with some options for some programming that could be incorporated with the display. Levi did express interest about contacting the young man who wrote the letter. Laura will talk to Marianna about that.

New Business:

1. Mass on the Grass—July 16: The musicians are lined up. We will need to transport items starting after the early mass, at 8:30AM. Bear and Sandy will be there to help. Laura will put something in the bulletin asking for food donations. Staff will put a sign on the church doors announcing the location change for that weekend and the weekend before.
2. Prioritizing Goals: Tom had condensed the goals from the goal setting meeting into four areas:
 - a. Bringing people back to church
 - b. Updating our parish story/theme

- c. Social and Service activities
- d. Future projects

Sandy thinks the council should focus on the things already planned and how to make those events more welcoming and engaging for people.

Other Business: No other business.

Tom led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM. Levi will lead closing prayer next month.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20 at 6:00PM in the CCC.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter