

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
August 22, 2024

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

Fr. Aloysius 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, Michele seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed and are attached. Jan's report was not included previously, so she reported that the children's and advent choirs will be starting in September. Precious Blood will be coming back to Mass starting the weekend of September 15th. Since some children have not received eucharist in this form, they will be taught both at the school and religious ed classes prior to this weekend. Eight of our musicians have signed up for the Fall Musicians workshop in October. The new keyboard has arrived. It will be used for rehearsals. Laura report also was not included previously. She reported on the year-end financial report. St. Mary's ended the year 6/30/24 with a net loss of \$15,468, which was better than the net loss budgeted of \$88,000. The financial audit was completed and there may be adjustments to the financial statements, but they should be minor.

Old Business:

1. Mass on the Grass: There were some conflicting mass count numbers, but Laura thinks the correct mass count was 150 with 100 staying for the picnic lunch. About the same as last year. It was suggested that a sacristan always be involved in the set-up and take-down of liturgical objects & vessels used for the mass. It was also suggested for next year to have only one mass at St. Mary's that Sunday and have it be at the park. This will be brought up in the spring.
2. Festival: It was reported that the traffic to the parish council table was not high. Sandy said she walked around and engaged people. Tom said there was not a lot of people for clean up. Laura said with the mass time change, there was some confusion when people were coming to help. Also, it was brought up that more salads were needed for Saturday's meal. Laura will inform the Festival committee of both issues. Laura did not have a chance to look at how many membership updates received—she will report next meeting.
3. Sponsorship & Ski Show: It was advised to reschedule for next year.
4. Discipleship & Evangelization: The first meeting with Sr. Maria is Sept. 5. Fr. Aloysius would really like a group to focus on families. Sandy and Jeff may co-lead a group like this.

New Business:

1. Discipleship team: Tom said we need to create a permanent 6-8 member group for the discipleship team that will be part of the Diocese Evangelical program. Jeff said the parish may be unaware of this need. Marianna said that there have been people involved that have been going to the meetings.
2. Fr. Aloysius would like to recruit more sacristins. Jan was going to write up what the duties are and then we can publish it in the bulletin and on facebook to recruit volunteers.
3. Mary Bailey would like to solicit other churches for donations for our cemetery upkeep since people are buried there who belong to other churches. Laura said she would pass this on to the Cemetery committee.

Other Business:

1. Jeff Walker was appointed by Fr. Aloysius to replace Levi on the parish council.

Sandy led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 19 at 6:00PM** in the CCC. Michele will lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter