

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
April 18, 2024**

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

Fr. Louis began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

Staff reports: Tom reviewed the staff reports.

Old Business:

1. Anchoring update for handicap chairs: Jan ordered some rubber slides from the company that manufactured the chairs. These will be attached to the bottom of the chairs to secure them better. Jan also said that the correct amount of space needs to be between the rows of chairs. She will talk with the St. Joe's cleaning ladies about this. Some tape marking the correct position of the chairs might need to be put on the floor. Jan will make sure an announcement is made informing the congregation that stabilizing slides have been attached to the handicap chairs.
2. Volunteer profiles: The volunteer profiles that will be published in the bulletin will begin the weekend of the 26th. Jeff Walker is the first profile. Jan made up sheets to be put out for other volunteers to fill out. These will be made available at the volunteer appreciation meal along with the parish office. They can be emailed out as well.
3. Discipleship and Evangelization: There is a Diocesan workshop on the 21st. Eight people are going to attend.
4. Allowing access to the church after hours: The church staff discussed having the church open after office hours. They agreed that for safety reasons, the church will not be open regularly after office hours. Fr. Louis said if anyone would like to come when the office is not open, talk to him and he will give them his cell phone number. He will gladly let them in.
5. Operation Rice Bowl donations: Marianna was not present to discuss her conversation about this with the diocese.

New Business:

1. The parish council has a thank you card to Kevin that will be given to him at the Volunteer Appreciation meal.
2. New door latch for the CCC: Laura reported that a fob system was installed on the CCC door. There is no more keypad. The door will be programmed to be open when there are events in the CCC. The staff are the only people with fobs.

Other Business:

1. It was discussed that the parish may want to have a booth next to the school's booth at next year's Home, Sport and Travel show.
2. Laura said the second collection Easter weekend for the CSA collected \$632. Our obligation is now at \$10,900. Another second collection for the CSA will be on Memorial Weekend.
3. It was suggested that St. Mary's sponsor a night at the ski show this summer.
4. Upcoming events:
 - a. April 27: School Rummage Sale
 - b. May 2: Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Meal
 - c. July 21: Mass on the Grass
 - d. July 26-27: Parish Festival

Tom led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **May 16** at 6:00PM in the CCC. Levi will lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter