

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 15, 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, Levi Spath, Mary Luedke and Fr. Louis. Members absent: Doug Duchac, Michele Wingate, and Sandy Bishop. Others present: Juanita Skubal, Marianna Merkatoris, 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, Bear seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Staff reports: Juanita reported that Catholic Schools Week went well, and registration for next year is going well. Laura reported that due to more school choice income and less benefit expense for the school, our actual net loss for the first 7 months of the year is less than budgeted. Marianna reported that Sr. Biehl will be the speaker for Faith Night and confirmation is starting this week. Levi suggested that the confirmation kids earn their required volunteer hours by getting involved in different parish ministries.

Old Business:

1. Formed update: 50 people have signed up.
2. Restroom remodel update: Tabled until next time since Jan was not able to report. The council mentioned that they are concerned about having the cry room removed.
3. Volunteer profiles for bulletin/web: Tabled until next time, Jan was not able to report.
4. Faith Night: Mary is taking care of the meal. Marianna will have Lenten activities for the kids. The parish staff is thinking of changing the Family Faith Night to Sundays after Mass. Families have mentioned that they would prefer that day to Wednesday.
5. Family Mass Sundays: The council mentioned that they have seen more families at church.

New Business:

1. 2024 Lentan Program update: Discussed above with Faith Night.
2. 2024 Confirmation classes: Classes will be starting on Sunday, it is the hope to start with 8th and 9th graders.
3. Faith Night plans
4. Bi-Monthly parish e-mail calendar: Laura reported that the staff is not in favor of a calendar for two reasons: It would be hard to correct info if events change, and there really is no one who has time to take this project on.

Other Business:

1. School volunteer packets: The school expanded the areas in which parents can meet their volunteer hours to include church ministries and events. Juanita is going to talk to the superintendent of schools about the amount of Wednesday night activities that are scheduled for the public school kids.

2. Pathway to Parish Discipleship: A group is planning to watch the next zoom meeting on March 5. The group can watch the meeting together in the CCC from 3-5PM.
3. FYI-Parish Festival will be held July 26 & 27.
4. Update Parish Mission Statement: Tom is wondering if it is time to update the mission statement, to add our tag line, "Living our Faith, Sharing our Joy" and include our evangelization efforts.
5. Pete Pintens brought up the suggestion that there could be more catechesis with the parents of 2nd graders, since those parents don't seem to attend Mass. Parent meetings that include a teaching Mass or Sacramental information were suggested.

Tom led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **March 21** at 6:00PM in the CCC. Mary Bailey will lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter