

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:00 PM CCC

Open Meeting & Prayer: Fr. Louis led us in prayer.

Present: Nancy Huber, Mickey Loka, Kris Leggett, Fr. Louis, Marianna Merkatoris, Walt Woiten, Glen Mott, Karen Gauerke, Dan Reiter, Joe Mattke, Doug Duchac, Jan Huseby

Not able to attend: Rita Lee, Ann Jelinek

Approval of previous minutes:

Meeting minutes from September 24, 2020: Motion by Glen and Seconded by Dan... Approved unanimously.

Additions to Agenda:

1. Can we communicate better with the community that we are open? Marianna suggested a sign on the fence saying "Open" with a picture of a church. Mickey will get a quote on the sign. And Fr. Louis will approve. No need for finance to approve if it isn't expensive.

Questions on Staff Reports:

1. Thank you Jan and Fr. Louis for working on getting communion back to its more appropriate spot in Mass which leads to evangelization and prayer and reflection.

Old Business:

1. Expiring Terms: Mickey, Kris, Glen, and Dan all need to be replaced by May 1, 2021 because their terms expire. If we know of anyone wanting to get more involved now is the time. Too early for placing a notice in the bulletin. Terms are only "renewable" if you take a term off.
2. COVID updates at Mass-moving Communion back where it belongs. Ushers need to continue to direct parishioners. No new updates from the Bishop. Holy Week is going to have some modifications like no touching the cross during veneration and disposable worship aids.

New Business:

1. Introduction to Marianna Merkatoris the new DRE. She is from Green Bay but spent the last 13 years in St. Louis. She has been Faith Formation Coordinator for the Arch Diocese of St. Louis. Her duties included being a resource person to online resources and website resources. She loves computer work and researching good resources. She has worked in "Sunday School Programs" – through adult faith formation. All ages and she loves being here.
 1. Preparation for 2nd grade First Reconciliation has begun at school and also with the religious ed group... they will make their first reconciliations at the end of January, and then First Communion prep begins.
 2. This Sunday 4K-1st grade will start during the 8:00AM Mass... like a VBS/Liturgy of the Word combination.
 3. Grades 2-5 will meet Feb. 3 and continue on Wednesdays after school.
 4. Grades 6-8 and HS groups are still being worked on, for evening classes. This evening time will be new for the middle school.

2. Staff is looking at a change in the website. More information will be able to go on the website, and also it is more affordable.

Pastor's Summation: No Report

Next meeting Date: March 11 at 5:30 PM. (note change in start time)

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by: Kris Leggett