

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 7, 2022**

The Parish Pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Parish Conference Room. Members present were Tom Oscar, Sandy Bishop, Doug Duchac, Karen Gauerke, Nancy Huber and Fr. Louis. Members absent: Joe Mattke, Michelle Wingate, and Bear Wadzinski. Staff and other present: Marianna Merkatoris, Laura Reiter and Patti Baacke .

Fr. Louis began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed.

Marianna gave an oral report: Marianna called all parents of teens who should be entering the confirmation program next year. She is getting the schedule set for next year. She will begin a Saint series.

Patti Baacke reported that a lot of pro life activity is going on in the Diocese and nationally. Patti has had a couple people interested in joining the respect life committee. Her next step is to set up a meeting and make an action plan. The Diocese has been a big help.

Old Business:

1. Outdoor Mass: The outdoor Mass is set for the 11AM Mass on Sunday, August 14. The shelters are reserved until 2PM.
  - a. Sandy will have a truck and trailer to help bring things over.
  - b. For the picnic after, it was decided that the church would not provide the meal because it would be hard to get a good count on how many would come and if the weather is bad, there would be wasted food. However, it was the thought of the council to invite families to bring their own picnics and the church would provide light refreshments like lemonade and cookies. Donations of baked goods could be asked for prior to the event.
  
2. Discussion on Standing committees/goals: The goal of the pastoral council is to have at least one member of every family involved in some ministry or activity in the church.
  - a. Brochure review: The council liked the brochure. They suggested a staple be put in the middle and to send it, add a cover sheet. A link to the brochure should be on the website. Have a ministry spotlight in the bulletin and on facebook weekly. The brochure should be sent out by July 4. A ministry fair might be a good idea in the future—a date could be put on the calendar.
  - b. Volunteer List reporting:
    - i. Hospitality/Social: Bear was absent.
    - ii. Outreach/Mission/Service: Sandy talked to Julia Pankow about her need for volunteers. Julia said the population is aging, but are dedicated.

- iii. Liturgy/Worship: Tom talked with Jan, and she reported a need for new volunteers.
  - iv. Faith Formation: Karen talked with Marianna about getting a list of volunteers.
3. Parish council term limit review
    - a. New Office Election in November 2022—tabled until next meeting.
    - b. Recruitment for May 2023 members—tabled until next meeting.
  4. School Principal Hiring: Laura reported that there are two candidates that have interviews next week.

New Business: No new business.

Other Business:

1. Change in Mass times: It was announced that there will be a change in Mass times starting after Labor Day. On Sunday, the times will be 7:30AM & 10:30AM at St. Mary's and 9AM at St. Augustine. The times were changed in order to incorporate a monthly "Family Mass" which will be held the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30AM. It is hoped that the 10:30AM time is more family-friendly.
2. Jan needs help with evening socials during the parish mission—Sandy may be available on Monday, Karen offered to make something to eat, and Tom said he could help.

Tom led the closing prayer.

No one offered to lead the closing prayer at the next meeting.

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Doug seconded it and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

~~The next meeting will be held on Aug at 16 at 6:00PM (no July meeting) in the Parish Conference Room.~~ Canceled - Next meeting will be Sept. 20 @ 6:00PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter