

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2021**

The Parish Pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the CCC. Members present were Joe Mattke, Bear Wadzinski, Doug Duchac, Walt Woiten, Tom Oscar, Nancy Huber, Sandy Bishop, Michele Wingate, and Fr. Louis. Member absent: Karen Gauerke. Staff members present: Jan Huseby, Rita Lee, Ann Jelinek and Laura Reiter.

Fr. Louis started the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

The four new council members were welcomed. The bylaws of the council were handed out. Laura sent around a sheet for people to review their personal contact info.

Election of Officers: New officers were elected: Joe Mattke, Chair; Nancy Huber, Vice Chair; Sandy Bishop, Secretary. Laura Reiter will be recording secretary.

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed.

Religious Education: There was an inquiry on whether we had the dates for Confirmation and Laura reported that the dates are still being finalized by the Bishop. There was an inquiry about whether there was going to be TOTUS TUUS this year, and Laura reported that Marianna plans on holding a Vacation Bible School instead. Nancy suggested that dates in later July or August might work out better for families.

Music & Liturgy: Jan reported that the Parish Mission with Fr. Jim and Sr. Ann will be held on October 16-20.

Finance: Laura reported that some new online giving options will be made available, including a "text to give" number, a "swipe" device for credit/debit cards, and a parish app.

Old Business:

1. ALICE training: Laura explained where the council was on the ALICE training. A date needs to be set for this training. Michele will call the sheriff's office to get some possible dates. The council thought a Sunday between the Masses would be a good time.
2. Evangelization: The council would like to invite a speaker to talk on Evangelization and how to get a program started in our parish. Laura will contact Chris Hurtubise who just took on a position in the Diocese that deals with evangelization. Other options might be speakers from the Dioceses of Madison or Green Bay.

New Business:

1. Heating project celebration: Laura reported that the heating project will be completely paid for by the end of June. The staff has planned a celebration for the parish on Father's Day weekend, June 19/20. The staff will need volunteers to help pass out donuts & coffee at each of the Masses that weekend. Laura will be in contact with everyone closer to the event.
2. Outdoor Mass: Michele will find out what weekends the shelter is available at Memorial Park for an outdoor Mass this summer.

Other business:

1. Members of the council mentioned having a "Welcome Back" celebration once the capacity and other restrictions of the church and CCC were lifted. St. Mary's is waiting for direction from the Bishop on when that will happen.

Bear made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Doug seconded it and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 in the CCC. It will be a joint meeting with the Finance Council led by Chris Newkirk from the Diocese.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter