

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
May 16, 2024**

The Parish Pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the CCC. Members present were Tom Oscar, Pete Pintens, Bear Wadzinski, Sandy Bishop, Levi Spaeth, Michele Wingate, Mary Luedke, and Fr. Louis. Members absent: Mary Bailey. Others present: Marianna Merkatoris and Laura Reiter.

Fr. Louis began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

Staff reports: Tom reviewed the staff reports. Respect Life submitted their report, the Mother's Day roses event went well and they are on track for the diaper event at the end of this month. Laura was asked why the actual year to date and budget numbers were negative. Laura explained that our budget is a deficit budget, but we have the savings to cover it (St. Mary's has not had to use the COVID funds it had received). Our budget is calculated conservatively, so hopefully the deficit will not be as large as predicted.

Old Business:

1. Discipleship & Evangelization: Tom attended the Diocese meeting on Evangelization. He said it was a good workshop. Marianna talked about the Evangelization team at our parish that met. They are getting ideas on beginning small groups and looking for group leaders. Sandy offered to be trained as a leader. The groups lined up so far are: Mom and Tots, Service, Senior Citizens, and Music ministry. There will be training available for group leaders by Sr. Marie in September (tentatively). Some other parishes may want to join our training sessions.
2. Operation Rice Bowl: Marianna did not get any responses from the Diocese. She will try again to find out more info.
3. Sponsoring the ski show: Mary Luedke will ask Mickey Loka for more information on this.
4. Mass on the Grass: Laura said the same meal is planned. Fr. Louis and others were wondering if the mass parts could be sung. It was asked if the Cronicks could play a little after the mass while people are eating lunch. Jan will be asked about those questions.
5. Festival: Ideas were discussed for the Festival booth: Have info on the small groups that will be starting, add a banner that encourages people to ask questions about the Catholic faith or our Church, get a better location for the booth, have the parish directory for people to update available for people to update. Michele asked if we could look into the Church App again, and Laura will do that.

New Business:

1. Parish Directory: Laura brought some info on getting a church directory. The council would like more info from other churches on how their participation was in a project like this. Also, it was asked if there was an online church directory option. Laura will get this information for the next meeting.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Levi led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **June 20** at 6:00PM in the CCC. Michele will lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter