

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Nov. 14, 2024

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the CCC.

Members present were Mary Bailey, Bear Wadzinski, Pete Pintens, Mary Luedke, Tom Oscar, Jeff Walker and Fr. Aloysius. Members absent: Sandy Bishop, Michele Wingate, and Doug Duchac. Others present: Mariana Merkatoris, Ann Jelinek & Jan Huseby.

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed and are attached. Comments on the reports were:

1. Jan reported that the theme for Advent and Christmas this year is "hospitality" and "Welcome Home". A Welcome Home Greeting from the parish will be distributed at the Christmas Mass.
2. Ann reported an increasing need for at-home and nursing home visits. A current obstacle is the Hippa laws, and it was suggested we could develop a handout to leave at nursing stations explaining that St. Mary's has people who could do this with proper authorization. Jan also mentioned that this ministry goes with our evangelization outreach efforts. Tom thanked Ann for the many blood screenings the nurses perform that could possibly save people's lives.

Old Business:

1. Discipleship & Evangelization:

- a. Evangelization Team Update: Tom reported that the team met on Nov. 3 and will meet again on Dec. 1 to organize and set priorities.
- b. Small groups update:
 - i. Jan & Dick's reading group will host their 3rd meeting at 10 am on Dec. 16 in the CCC room.
 - ii. Jeff distributed a final draft of the Welcome Home handout for Christmas.
 - iii. Still in planning: Rosary Group.

2. Middle school update: Fr. Aloysius presented a summary of the Financial Council meeting. The council would like further review on possible government regulations, a more accurate count of potential students, and a clarification of where actual space may be available. We need to be fully prepared prior to going before the Bishop and the Parish.

New Business: There was no new business.

Other Business:

Fr. Sunder will fill in for Fr. Aloysius while he is on vacation from Nov. 19 - Dec. 20.

Mary led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16 at 6 pm in in the CCC.

Tom will lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Tom Oscar