

**Church of St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Tammy Huss at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Randy Meyer (3), Glen Reiner (3), Michaela Niblett (3), Tammy Huss (2), Sonya Skinner (2), Dan Hilback (2), Dawn Houska (1), Steve Russell (1), Megan Bristow (1), Father Steve, Jim Boyle, Francie Peterson, Carol Gaffaney and Laurie Youngers.

Opening Prayer

Father Steve led the opening prayer.

Agenda and Minutes

The minutes for the January 19, 2017 meeting and the agenda for the February 23rd meeting were approved by consensus.

Staff Person Report: Laurie Youngers explained her role as Liturgy and Music Coordinator at the Church of Saint Mary.

Administrative Report – Father Steve said he serves on the Diocesan Building Commission and has been attending meetings where several churches planning renovation, building, and restoration – such as Melrose – submit their plans.

A question from a parishioner about ordering a kiosk and materials (CD's and book) from Lighthouse Communications was discussed. Father Steve said the parish would not be adding a kiosk. He did look into the materials. Saint Mary's Church has many resources for adults, but they are currently in the school. Father Steve noted that he wants to make the parish library accessible to parishioners. Various items from Lighthouse and other sources could eventually be included in the future in the check-out library.

Standing Committee Reports:

Liturgy Committee – Glen Reiner and Dawn Houska.

Minutes of their last two meetings were reviewed.

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Committee- Tammy Huss and Steve Russell.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed.

Finance Committee- Jim Boyle and Dan Hilback – No report.

Stewardship Committee- Randy Meyer and Tammy Huss.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed.

Board of Education Committee- Sonya Skinner.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed.

Parish Life Committee- Michaela Niblett and Megan Bristow.

One upcoming event: Mardi Gras, Saturday, February 25th.

Cemetery Committee- Jim Boyle and Father Steve – No report.

Human Resources Committee- Jim Boyle – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Visioning and Evangelization Goals

Randy and Dan discussed plans for the Forum on March 30th in the Great Hall. The Forum will start at 6:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:00. They asked pastoral council members to review their committees' presentation slides and notify Randy by March 23rd if any changes are needed, along with the number of attendees from their committee (maximum of three per committee). Each committee will have a maximum of 8 minutes for their presentation. It was suggested to present the key work action items and their status (completed, in process, not yet started). This is a great time for committees to share the exciting things they have been doing and their plans for the future.

Pastoral council members should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to help greet attendees. Prayer and presentations will begin at 6:00. Randy and Dan will arrive early to set up tables, chairs, etc. Michaela will bring snack items. Randy will bring coffee, juice, presentation handouts and one set of work plans for each committee. Flip charts and markers will be available at each committee table for the cross-committee breakout session.

Evangelization Committee

Tammy reported a couple people have indicated interest in being on an Evangelization Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Father Steve said discussions about holding a parish mission retreat have led to more interest being expressed for holding events throughout the year instead of having one retreat.

The meeting adjourned with the Stewardship Prayer.

The next pastoral council meeting will be Thursday, April 27th at 4:30 p.m.

Carol Gaffaney, Recording Secretary