

Church of Saint Mary Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Steve Russell at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Tammy Huss (3), Dan Hilback (3), Sonya Skinner (3), Steve Russell (2), Dawn Houska (2), Megan Bristow (2), Mary Jane Reif (1), Mike Sponsler (1), Tabitha Odens (1), Francie Peterson, Father Steve, Todd Wentworth, Anna Solheid, Roger Johnson, and Carol Gaffaney.

Opening Prayer

The meeting began with prayer.

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for the August 24th meeting was approved by consensus. Motion by Sonya, seconded by Tammy, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Thanksgiving Dinner – Father Steve said Anna & Rich Solheid and Bob & Michelle Neal have resigned as co-chairs for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Father indicated there will be an announcement in the next bulletin asking for new leaders. He also asked pastoral council members to reach out to people they feel capable of leading this effort. Anna Solheid gave some background information and suggestions as follows:

- She suggests three or four couples would be a good leadership team for the dinner. Anna said she is willing to work with the new leaders this fall so they have a successful dinner. Her contact numbers are 320-766-4198 and 320-846-0590.
- She has 3-ring binders with all the information/directions to plan and hold the dinner. They have had enough people volunteer to help in the past.
- The process starts the last week of September with preparation for advertising, food, supplies, etc.
- Last year, between 900-1,000 meals were prepared. More than 50% of the meals were delivered. The delivery system needs to be reviewed.
- The turkeys are now being roasted in the St. Mary's School kitchen so it takes two days for this step in the process to get done.

Sanctity of Life – Francie Peterson said the Sanctity of Life group is putting together a 50-50 Club with presentations for parents and parishioners. The first four sessions will cover topics such as: The Teenage Brain, Internet and Social Media, Pornography, etc. The sessions will be held on the nights when religious education classes are held except when there are big Religious Education family events/adult faith formation events.

Administrative Report – Todd Wentworth gave everyone a handout on pastoral council functions. Father Steve asked the members to read through the information.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Liturgy Committee – Dawn Houska – No report.

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Committee- Tammy Huss and Steve Russell. Minutes of their last two meetings were reviewed. The Local/Global Solidarity Fair has been scheduled for October 8th. The committee is studying the idea of having a Sister Parish. They are also working on a Caring & Sharing Hands Trip to Mary's Place. Roger Johnson talked about the new JPIC brochure that was emailed to pastoral council members for their review and comment. Father Steve endorsed the use of the new brochure and it will now be used by the committee.

Finance Committee- Todd Wentworth and Dan Hilback.

Todd summarized the recent work of the Finance Committee and the approval of the financial information for the past fiscal year included in the recent Stewardship letter. He noted that the HVAC system has parts that are worn out and parts that are broken. They are studying options and the needs of the buildings.

Stewardship Committee- Tammy Huss and Todd Wentworth.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. The Legacy Dinner is planned for October 8th. This fall the Stewardship Committee will hold a Stewardship Ministry Fair scheduled for November 18th and 19th in the Great Hall. Todd will make sure that all committee chairs receive the invitation to participate in the Stewardship Ministry Fair.

Board of Education Committee- Sonya Skinner.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed.

Parish Life Committee- Megan Bristow.

The Block Party will be held on Sunday, September 10th at the Runestone Community Center. A New Member Sunday is being planned.

Cemetery Committee- Father Steve and Todd Wentworth.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. Todd said they are looking for a new chairperson as Don Skrove's term on the committee ends in September. Don and his wife, Meredith, have computerized all the records for the cemetery. Calls for the cemetery will now come to the Parish office, not to the chairperson.

Human Resources Committee- Todd Wentworth – No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Father Steve provided an update on the planning for the Block Party.

NEW BUSINESS:

Evangelization Committee – Father Steve proposed the creation of an Evangelization Committee. Motion by Megan, seconded by Tammy, to make an Evangelization Committee a standing committee. MCU.

Standing Committee Reports – Pastoral Council members were assigned to Standing Committees as follows: Tabitha Odens to Liturgy Committee, Dawn Houska and Tabitha Odens to JPIC, Dan Hilback to the Finance Committee, Tammy Huss to Stewardship Committee, Sonya Skinner to Education Committee, Megan Bristow and Mary Jane Reif to Parish Life, Steve Russell to Cemetery Committee, Mike Sponsler and Tammy Huss to Evangelization Committee.

Dates for Next Year's Meetings

The dates for the remaining 2017-18 pastoral council meetings are: September 28, October 26, November 30, January 18, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24 and June 28.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. with the Stewardship Prayer. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 26.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary