

Church of Saint Mary Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017

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

Roll Call

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

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for the September 28th meeting and the minutes of the August 24, 2017 meeting were approved by consensus.

Sanctity of Life – Francie Peterson reported that the first event sponsored by the Sanctity of Life group will be held Wednesday, October 4th. Dr. Paul Kietzmann will speak on “The Teenage Brain – Sex, Hormones and Testosterone.” Future sessions in 2017 will include Chris Codden on “Pornography,” Bruce Becker on “Internet Safety,” and Julie Desautels on “Advent Prayer and Family Prayer.” Additional sessions will be planned for 2018.

Purpose of Pastoral Councils – Father Steve led discussion on the articles that were handed out at the last meeting on functions of a parish pastoral council and “The Pastoral Council’s Pursuit of Excellence.” At the next pastoral council meeting, chapters 1 and 2 of “Making Parish Councils Pastoral” will be discussed. Steve Russell will lead the discussion of chapter 1, and Sonya Skinner will lead chapter 2 discussion.

Administrative Report & HR Report – Joan Turner has resigned and will be moving to live nearer to family members. Applications are being accepted for the position of secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee- Steve Russell.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. Don Skrove’s term on the committee is done at the end of this month. His duties have been split between Phil Broman, Leon Breun and Dave Wosmek. If a person is interested in being on the committee, they should contact Leon Breun or the parish office. The committee will have representation at the Stewardship Fair. Fall clean-up at the cemetery will be October 19th at noon.

Liturgy Committee – Tabatha Odens – No report.

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Committee- Dawn Houska and Tabatha Odens.

The committee continues to discuss having a sister parish. The Local Solidarity Fair with Global Impact is scheduled for Sunday, October 8th.

Stewardship Committee- Tammy Huss.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. The committee is preparing for the Stewardship Fair on the weekend of November 18th and 19th. The Legacy Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 8th.

Board of Education Committee- Sonya Skinner.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. There are 199 students attending St. Mary’s School this fall. Religious education classes began last night, September 27th. Nine students are scheduled to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November. They will be hosting an all-you-can eat chili and bingo event on Saturday, October 14th to raise funds for their trip.

Parish Life Committee- Megan Bristow and Mary Jane Reif.

An Oktoberfest will be held October 28th from 6-9 p.m. in St. Mary's school gym. Nathan's Old-time Band will be providing music for an evening of food, fellowship and dance.

Evangelization Committee – Mike Sponsler and Tammy Huss.

No report.

Finance Committee- Todd Wentworth and Dan Hilback.

The parish's insurance carrier is evaluating repairs needed on the roof. They have approved replacing some sections of shingles.

Human Resources Committee- Todd Wentworth.

Report given earlier in the meeting with the Administrative report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thanksgiving Dinner- Father reported that three couples have volunteered to lead the Thanksgiving Dinner planning/serving. There is a possibility of one more couple joining them. Kevin Richmond will be the cook. Fausto Rosas will help with the cooking. The committee is working on securing a location where the turkeys can be defrosted and roasted. Some ideas were shared.

Block Party Review- Many positive comments were received on this year's block party.

Review Strategic Goals- Todd handed out the 4-page set of Strategic Goals and Action Items. He asked members to look it over. There will be discussion at the next meeting about what to focus on, prioritizing the goals, and assigning and/or identifying people to be responsible for following-through on implementing the goals.

Inspired to BE- The council discussed the speaker, Nic Davidson, and his presentation held last night.

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. with the Beatitude Blessing Prayer. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 26.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary