

Church of Saint Mary Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2018

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

Roll Call

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

Opening Prayer

Father Steve led the opening prayer.

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for the February 22nd meeting and the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting were approved by consensus.

Purpose of Pastoral Councils – Dawn Houska and Tammy Huss led discussion on chapters 7 and 8 of “Making Parish Councils Pastoral.”

Church Policies – Todd Wentworth handed out packets of the current Church of St. Mary Policies. Policies should be reviewed annually by the pastoral council. Todd noted he will schedule review of a couple policies at each of the upcoming pastoral council meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee- Steve Russell.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed.

Liturgy Committee – Tabatha Odens.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. Tabatha noted there will be a retreat for Eucharistic Ministers and other ministers of the parish on Saturday, March 3. More altar servers are needed, especially during Holy Week.

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

Minutes of their last two meetings were reviewed. A meeting exploring a Sister Parish relationship with a parish in Guatemala has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. March 13th is also the Day on the Hill at the Minnesota State Capitol.

Stewardship Committee- Tammy Huss.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed.

Board of Education Committee- Sonya Skinner.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. Sonya reported that 23 children have been registered for kindergarten next fall. Father Steve shared ideas for an Adult Formation Library.

Parish Life Committee- Megan Bristow and Mary Jane Reif.

Megan said there will be a New Member Sunday on March 18th.

Evangelization Committee – Mike Sponsler and Tammy Huss.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed.

Finance Committee- Todd Wentworth and Dan Hilback.

Minutes of their last meeting were reviewed. There was discussion on bequests to the church and how Canon law directs the use of designated funds.

Human Resources Committee- Todd Wentworth.

Todd noted there will be salary adjustments for staff over the next few months.

OLD BUSINESS:

Diocesan Planning – Father Steve shared a draft prepared by parish and school staff members to answer the question from the diocese, “What substantial recommendation do you have for future planning in your parish?” Discussion followed. Pastoral council members were asked to review and give Todd their feedback and suggestions prior to the next pastoral council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chapel Doors – The council discussed having an usher lock the chapel doors when mass begins and unlock the door after mass is concluded. (People will still be able to exit through the door when it is locked.) Todd said that Eric Seidel, head of maintenance, and Bill Verschaetse, head of ushers, will attend an “Active Shooter Training” in March sponsored by the Cornerstone Church.

The next pastoral council meeting will be held Thursday, March 22nd.

The meeting adjourned with the Beatitude Blessing Prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary