

**The Church of Saint Mary
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020**

Present: Father Steve, Todd Wentworth, Rita Winters, Jerry Kostreba, Janet Schiltgen, Jodi Rehovsky, Mary Gorghuber, Randy Kinney, Francie Peterson, and Carol Gaffaney.

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. with prayer.

The agenda for October 14, 2020 and the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting were approved by consensus.

Administrative Report

- Calling for Hospitality Volunteers – Todd asked for assistance from pastoral council members in making six or seven phone calls to get more volunteers to help with hospitality at masses. More sacristans and eucharistic ministers are also needed.

Committee Reports

- Cemetery – No report.
- Liturgy – Laurie Youngers presented the Liturgy committee's recommendation to the Finance Committee on upgrading the audio-visual equipment in the church. The Finance Committee decided to hire a consultant, David Pederson from Mankato, for another recommendation.
- JPIC – Rita said the committee is looking at areas on which the parish family could work together. There will be articles in the weekly bulletin about opportunities for people to study and work together.
- Stewardship – Jerry reported the Stewardship committee is working on themes, such as gratitude, to be part of the stewardship message to parishioners. Cathleen Nordling attended their meeting and it was decided to schedule a meeting next week and invite the Come To The Water Catholic Community council members and students for whomever can attend.
- Board of Education – Jerry said Faith Formation classes are progressing. The Reconciliation "Blessed" classes for second graders are underway. Father Steve and Laurie Bienias said there are some second graders who haven't been baptized, so an RCIA process is being prepared for them which will occur during the school year. Jerry reported that St. Mary's School currently has 223 students registered, which is an increase of 27 students over last year.
- Parish Life – No meetings are being held. A new chairperson is needed.
- Finance – Todd explained the Finance committee's decision to have a consultant look at the audio/video system in the church, to assess what is needed and to be sure we're not missing anything. There was discussion on making plans for Christmas masses.

- Human Resources – Todd said there is an opening on the HR committee for a member. He also noted the parish is changing from one pay period per month to biweekly pay periods.

Old Business

- Update on Diocese of St. Cloud Chapter 11 Reorganization – The Diocese is asking parishes to submit their payment of \$15,500 to the Diocese's victim settlement fund after November 1st.
- Come to the Water Area Catholic Community (CTTWCC) Update – Jerry said the Stewardship committee is urging CTTWCC members to attend the meeting they have scheduled for next week.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary