

The Church of Saint Mary
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 22, 2021

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

The meeting began at 4:30 p.m. with prayer.

The agenda for April 22, 2021 and the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting (with two minor changes) were approved by consensus.

Administrative Report:

- ACC Update - Todd Wentworth said the CTTWACC constitution and bylaws were submitted to St. Cloud. Some minor revisions were suggested, which Todd will include. The updated constitution and bylaws will be shared with the ACC Planning Committee. Then a letter signed by Father Steve and Father Dave will be prepared. Father Steve will contact Father Dave to get the names of the people from Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas who will serve on the combined pastoral council.
- New Rectory – The grey house (408 Jefferson Street) owned by the parish will be the new rectory. Improvements are currently being made (flooring, painting, etc.). Contractors are doing the work. Todd said he would take “before” and “after” pictures. Janet volunteered to develop an inventory of items currently in storage that could be used and prepare a list of items needed for the rectory. She will contact Francie Peterson to see if she would like to help. Jodi suggested preparing a Welcome Basket for the new pastor; she will organize putting together a basket.
- Staff Development – Father said parish office staff will do six full-day work sessions over the six-month period beginning with April. They will be reviewing responsibilities and work duties of each staff member, ways to engage and work with each other, and will prepare an organizational chart that delineates who is responsible for “what.”
- Block Party – There will not be a Block Party this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The parish raffle will continue. Raffle tickets will be placed in the gathering area for parishioners to pick up. The drawing is scheduled for Sunday, September 12th, 11:15 a.m.
- Ministry “Come-Back” – Discussion occurred on ideas to encourage people to come back to church services. Father has asked for volunteers for serving at masses, more greeters, etc. The response has been slow.
- The Liturgical Technology Guideline (applicable during the mass) was handed out. Addendums will be added in the future as requests are received, for example: funerals, weddings, retreats or presentations.

Committee Reports

- Board of Education – Jerry reported there will a \$115 increase in the tuition for St. Mary’s School. Tuition for children of parishioners and non-parishioners will be the same. There

are currently 226 students enrolled for this school year, 2020-2021. Two hundred forty-one students (241) are registered so far for the next school year.

- Parish Life – Jodi is looking at past parish-sponsored activities to get ideas for the future. Father noted that Theology Days are going to be scheduled again this fall and are going to be held as in-person sessions. One session is planned for this fall and one in February. This could be an area where the Parish Life Committee could begin their ministry again.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary