

Come To The Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting
Saint Mary's Church, Alexandria
August 16, 2022

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Rick Aubol, Todd Wentworth, Jerry Kostreba, Mary Gorghuber, Randy Kinney, Jodi Rehovsky, Josh Waltzing, Jake Mach, Tonya Marthaler, Darcie Boogaard, Bob Kulzer, Gary Haavig, Margaret Zidon, and Carol Gaffaney. Absent: Tim Baas and Francie Peterson.

1. The meeting opened with prayer.

2. There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

A revision was made to the minutes for July 19th under Committee Liaisons as follows:
"Father Matthew would like ~~a committee for to improve~~ pastoral care (caring for the homebound, those in nursing homes, etc.) in our parishes. Possible members include Gary Haavig, Darcie Boogaard and Tonya Marthaler. Council members to be included in the discussion are Gary Haavig, Darcie Boogaard and Tonya Marthaler."

4. Consensus Approval of CTTW ACC By-Laws

There was consensus to approve the By-Laws as presented. A clarification will be included in the Saint Mary's parish handbook regarding who can and cannot be on the pastoral council.

5. Featured Committee Report - Liturgy Committee by Mary Gorghuber

Mary shared a handout on "What is Liturgy It is public worship – the work of Christ and that of the Church, the Body of Christ." She reviewed information about the Ministry Scheduler Pro software that will be used to schedule assignments for lectors, greeters/ushers/hospitality, sacristans, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, altar servers and eucharistic adoration. Training will be held August 30th and 31st for those who need in-person training on the general basics of using the software.

6. Faith Community Nursing

Father Matthew's goal with Faith Community Nursing is "whole person care" (spiritual, physical, mental, etc.). Kathy Fischer now visits nearly 60 people a week. Prior to the covid pandemic, there were others involved in this ministry. We need to re-establish a network of people to assist in this area. Father will be asking for volunteers with a goal to have something in place by Thanksgiving. The "human touch" from someone connected with the church is very important.

He would also like to have more people involved in ministry to our Spanish parishioners (ex. identifying people who could help translate). We need to determine what the actual need is in our parishes. If you know of someone who needs help or someone who could provide assistance, let Father Matthew know. It was suggested to have a refresher class for liturgical ministers on the use of the AED and emergency care. Also, we should re-establish the practice at Saint Mary's of asking medically trained individuals to let the ushers know when they are attending mass and where they will be seated. The ushers in Osakis would also like refresher training.

7. Todd's Topics

- Todd is attending the Finance Council meetings of all three parishes. The Osakis Finance Council has approved next year's budget.
- The combined ACC bulletin is now being used. Todd wrote an article for this past Sunday's bulletin. He asked for feedback and ideas on the bulletin format. You can submit information for the bulletin directly to stmary@stmaryalexandria.org or it can be sent through the church secretary. The deadline for submitting bulletin information is noon on Tuesday.
- By next Monday, the new phone system at Saint Mary's campus should be in operation.
- Saint Mary's School teachers will start working on August 22, preparing for students. The first day for students is Tuesday, August 30th.
- Stewardship Conference – No one from our ACC attended the McGread Conference; however, Todd will be getting books and videos from the conference that can be shared with council members.
- Liaisons – Todd encouraged pastoral council members who are liaisons to committees to send the minutes of those meetings to Janell Eddy at least a week before the next ACC pastoral council meeting. She then forwards them to all ACC pastoral council members.
- Todd said the ACC meeting minutes, By-Laws, committee meeting minutes, etc. can be accessed on Sharepoint by all ACC pastoral council members. If you need help getting onto Sharepoint and getting alerts when something new is posted, let Todd know and he'll help you. Documents will be shared with pastoral council members via Sharepoint and also by email.
- Immaculate Conception Church – Bob said Father Dave Petron had talked several times with the City of Osakis about removing a tree in the area by the grotto so parishioners can re-do that area. He will ask his wife to call Jen and get a progress report. Bob will let Father Rick know which tree they are talking about.

8. Pastors' Perspective

- Father Matthew said the Music Recital on August 7th went great and was well received. They are considering holding another recital around Christmas.
- Jordyn Cantalope has been hired as a Wedding Coordinator for all three parishes.
- Training is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 9am to 3pm, to certify married couples from all three parishes who would help engaged couples in planning for marriage. They are also looking for Rehearsal Leaders to work with couples.
- Mass Intentions – They are working towards a goal of having Janell Eddy at the Saint Mary's parish office handle the scheduling of mass intentions for all three parishes. They are not publishing mass intentions at this time for masses scheduled at the nursing homes because currently the masses aren't open to the public and also could be canceled at any time due to illness in the nursing homes.

9. **ADDED BY CHAIR JERRY KOSTREBA** – This information is being added to the minutes for August 16th (it was decided prior to the meeting this evening, but wasn't announced during the meeting):

- Terms of Pastoral Council Members - At the July 19th meeting, it was noted that Mary Gorghuber, Jody Rehovsky and Randy Kinney would meet to make a decision on their terms on the ACC pastoral council. They met prior to the meeting tonight. The decision was:
 - Jody Rehovsky's term will conclude at the end of June 2023 (as well as Jerry Kostreba's).
 - Mary Gorghuber's term and Randy Kinney's term will conclude the end of June 2024.

10. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Diocesan Stewardship Day – Friday, September 16 in Albany, 9:00-3:15.
- Next ACC Pastoral Council meeting - Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. at Saint Nicholas Church in Belle River.
- ACC Joint Pastoral Council Formation Day – Saturday, October 15 at Saint John's Abbey.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary