

Come To the Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting
St. Nicholas Church, Belle River
January 17, 2023

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

1. Opening prayer.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved.
3. Agenda Additions – Josh-Board of Education Meeting and Strategic Plan Goals.
4. Board of Education Meeting
 - Josh reported on the St. Mary’s School Board of Education meeting. Kindergarten registration will open soon. Current St. Mary’s families were contacted and the results of those conversations indicate there will be more than one section in the fall. They suggest that St. Agnes School could prepare a flyer indicating they would have room for Kindergarten students in the fall.
5. Strategic Plan
 - Josh offered a suggestion for Goal 1, Objective 1, to consider forming church neighborhood communities to help to provide a sense of belonging, sponsor events, support families, etc
6. Lenten Fish Frys
 - There was discussion about having 2 or 3 Fish Frys on Friday nights during Lent. A planning meeting is scheduled for January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. They are hoping to borrow the necessary equipment and also to get enough volunteers to make this effort happen. It was suggested to check with the Urbank parish to see when they are planning to have their Fish Frys, to avoid doubling up on the same nights.
7. Committee Meeting Reports
 - Mary reported that the Liturgy Committee met last week. Discussion included planning for Lent and deciding what can be shared with Saint Nicholas and Immaculate Conception.
 - Jerry asked committee liaisons to send Janell Eddy the minutes of the committee meetings they attend so she can share them with all ACC pastoral council members.
 - Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated at St. Mary’s January 30th through February 3 with a variety of events.
8. Report on Diocesan ACC Pastoral Council Formation Day – Jerry attended the Formation Day. He estimated that 40 people attended. There are 131 parishes, 29 ACCs and 56 priests in the Saint Cloud Diocese. Brenda Kresky shared how the parishes were formed into ACCs; the process was primarily driven by parish size and location. Results of an Experian survey of our ACC area (all people, not only Catholics) was shared and is available for distribution. The survey covered a variety of areas from communication to beliefs. Jerry will ask Todd to get copies of the information for pastoral council members. Jerry also noted that next month, the ACC pastoral

council will discuss Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan (Develop a plan and engage parishioners to actively participate in the U.S. National Eucharistic Revival by June 30, 2023).

9. New Pastors Residence – It was noted that construction costs have come down and the tariffs on lumber from Canada have been lifted. After discussion, those present reached consensus that if it is not price effective to build a house to serve as a pastors' residence, that the ACC Pastoral Council empowers the St. Mary's Finance Council to purchase an existing house to serve as the rectory for the ACC pastors. All present were in agreement.

The next ACC Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, at Immaculate Conception Church, Osakis.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary