

Saint Mary Catholic Faith Community
Pastoral Council Meeting
October 9 , 2017
6:30 pm Meeting

Minutes

The meeting started at 6:30 pm.

Attendance

The following members were present: Fr. Brian, Clem Budny, Jim Schubilske, Julie Behrman, Colleen Czajka, Aaron Bieniek, Eric Karakis Tom Fredrickson, Robert Gabor Jr, Jess Petre, Fred Matestic, Carol Stachowiak, Tim Reidy, Gina Styer

The following member was excused: Matt Cool

Opening Prayer

After sharing reflections on the Gospel for Sunday October 15th, Matthew 22: 1-14, the council finished the opening prayer with the Prayer of the Holy Spirit.

Review/Approval of Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

We reviewed and approved the Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes from September 11th with one correction. The correct date for Confirmation is October 8th.

Pastor's Report

- Fr. Brian asked if everyone had name tags. There are a still a few of us that do not have name tags (Gina and Tom).
- He then thanked everyone for the 175th Anniversary Mass and the Confirmation Mass. Both were very special events.
- Fish Fry's will be starting in November with a new parishioner taking the reins from Ann Garrison.
- Royal Affair is November 4th. Please attend if you are able as this is an important event.
- Stewardship Conference at the Cousins Center is on November 3rd and 4th. Please attend if at all possible.
- Dan, Maria and Fr. Brian went to Atlanta for a Stewardship Conference. They heard many new ideas about how parishes are approaching stewardship. Please continue to read the information on and we will discuss what will work for St Mary at a future meeting.
- On October 10th the staff will meet with Rich Curran to continue the discussions about core values. The staff is now holding one combined staff meeting weekly. This is a change as before there were two separate meetings for the Administrative and Pastoral

staffs. Now the entire staff is praying and growing together. The conversation about core values is moving along.

- The biographical information concerning the Pastoral Council members has yet to be published to the parish. have not provided the bios yet the parish. Assistance has been offered to help with a technical difficulty.

Haiti Update

Pam Lownik shared photos of the Haiti Agricultural projects. She explained what has happened in the year since the hurricane. There has been amazing cooperation between our twinning and another twinning in a neighboring Haiti community. She explained that from the disaster there is growth that couldn't have otherwise happened. The support from St Mary and the Archdiocese is phenomenal. There is a possibility that we can help rebuild the church with a partial grant. However, Latiboliere needs to lead the initiative to raise the remainder of the funds.

Alpha

The council was introduced to Alpha. We watched the first Alpha video, and broke into small groups. Great sharing.

Pastoral Council Presence in the parish- Further thoughts (Time permitting)

There was a discussion about the Pastoral Council helping with the announcements before mass. Currently only the staff does the announcements. There was also discussion about the Council greeting people before mass.

One thought for future years is to commission the Council at a mass. Pam talked about the Pastoral Staff inviting the Pastoral Council to various parish activities.

Liaison Reports

Fred: Shared the Social concerns ministry team minutes. Gina talked about the Parish School meeting. And Jess shared the minutes from the SLAW committee. Copies of the above-mentioned minutes from these reports were distributed to the Council.

Council Members Open Forum

Jess asked questions about the choir and RCIA. He also stated that he thought offering Reconciliation on Thursdays was a great idea.

Gina asked what we do for new members to the Parish Community. One idea for consideration was having the Pastoral Council members host a meal for new members.

Dates to Remember:

Archdiocesan Spirituality of Stewardship Conference is November 3 / 4, 2017 (Registration Required)

Royal Affair is November 4th

Closing – Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Next scheduled meeting – November 6, 2017

Meeting closed at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Fredrickson
Pastoral Council Secretary