

**Saint Mary Catholic Faith Community  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
March 12, 2018  
6:30 pm Meeting**

**Minutes**

The meeting started at 6:30.

**Attendance**

The following members were present: Fr. Brian, Julie Behrman, Tom Fredrickson, Robert Gabor Jr, Eric Karakis, Jess Petre, Carol Stachowiak, Tim Reidy, Colleen Czajka, Fred Matestic, Matt Cool

Excused members: Gina Styer, Jim Schubilske, Aaron Bieniek, Clem Budny,

**Opening Prayer**

The formal prayer we shared the readings from Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and recited the Prayer to the Holy Spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

**Update on Development of 2018/19 Budget**

The budget is in process. Their next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Discernment of New Members**

The council held a discussion about when to hold the discernment for new members. Historically it's in June but last year due to light turnout discernment was held in August. For the August discernment meeting 13 members attended. We recognized that there are many distractions in May including First Communion and Mother's Day. It was noted that ALPHA program and Fr. Brian's homily led people to discernment in August. The con for holding a August discernment is that school is out in August. The council agreed that August gives more time to plan and advertise for a robust discernment. It was reminded that the council members should talk about serving on the council and that they should nominate parishioners for discernment.

**Presentation of Core Values**

Fr. Brian handed out the feedback on the core values from the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Fr. Brain was very grateful for the feedback from the council. Jeff, Dan, Rich and Fr. Brian reviewed our

feedback and made appropriate changes to the core values. The final version of the minutes was distributed to the council. Fr. Brian took a few minutes to explain each value and what it represents to the parish. The staff will continue to reflect on the values regularly. And Fr. Brian asked that the council also reflect on these at future meetings.

The staff is working on a plan to roll out the parish. Interested council member should let Fr. Brian know if they would like to be part of the planning of the publishing or role out the values to the parish.

### **Liaison Reports**

Julie Behrman distributed Pastoral Care Commission Meeting minutes

Jess distributed Spiritual life and Worship Commission meeting minutes. He talked about the real worry about talent and time for each small group. Each group is making it work but they could all use a few more volunteers.

### **Pastoral Council Open Forum**

The group discussed the structure of the finance council and the pastoral council. The pastoral council liaison is more for the liaison for the Finance council than for reporting back to the pastoral council. of New cards are coming

Fr. Brian encouraged all to come to the holy triduum and he discussed the strong support for eucharistic adoration.

### **Closing**

We closed with the Prayer of Saint Francis

Next scheduled meeting - May 14, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J Fredrickson  
Pastoral Council Secretary