

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2022

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Jim Podewils, Maureen Riemer, Patti Peters, Mary Matestic, Lynn Czaplewski, Tom Fredrickson, Deb Gonnella, Mike Hamlin, Andre Lesperance, Janet Miller, Steven Rice, Clem Budny

Excused: David Fritz, Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led a Lectio Divina meditation.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

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Discipleship Commission: Instead of creating two separate committees for Stewardship and Formation, a Discipleship Commission would be created. The Council voted to move forward with a Discipleship Commission.

Confirm Liaison Positions: Liaison positions were confirmed as discussed at the September meeting.

[Pastoral Council Roster 2022/2023](#)

- SW Deanery
 - Eucharistic Revival will be starting in April
 - Safety concerns for churches were discussed

[SW Deanery Minutes 091822](#)

- Pastoral Care - the following events were highlighted:
 - October 1, The Road to Damascus, with Dr. Conor Kelly, Why Should I Care?
 - October 18, Mass of Healing and Hope, for couples who suffer from infertility or infant loss
 - November 2, Annual Mass of Remembrance, for families who have lost a loved one in the past year
 - December 11, Be Still and Know, an Advent evening of reflection

[Pastoral Care Minutes 100522](#)

- Finance Council
 - We are in the first quarter, but slightly behind in expectations

Gathering Space: During Mission Appeal for Haiti Weekend, the tables in the gathering space were decorated and parishioners commented on how nice the area looked. Fr. Aaron will talk to staff to see what their needs are for the tables. This item will be added to the next SLAW meeting for discussion.

Director of Liturgy and Music: An offer has been made to an individual. An announcement is expected this weekend with a start date of November 1.

Playground Sunday: The first playground Sunday was held on September 18. About ninety people attended. The next event will take place on Saturday, November 5, after the 4 PM mass.

Parish Book Study: Books have arrived and 130 individuals signed up.

Common Leadership Night: The target date for the first common Leadership Night is mid to late April. As soon as the date is determined, the pastoral council will be notified so they can introduce the concept to their Liaison Commissions.

Administrator's Report:

- Love One Another Campaign, the parish is at 55% of goal
- All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 8:15 AM, 12:10 PM and 7 PM
- Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 9 AM
- Two events are planned for Parish Staff:
 - Staff Fun Day, October 19th, with a Lake Geneva boat trip and lunch. The parish office will be closed, but a volunteer will answer the telephones.
 - A Retreat Day in Spring
- Fr. Don Calloway was here on October 3 and at least 500 people attended
- Moving Confirmation to a weeknight next year

Closing Prayer & Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by:

Patti Peters, Secretary