



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

April 24, 2018

MINUTES

A meeting of the St. Mary of the Lake Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, from 6:30-8:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. Present were: Father Pat Albert, Pastor; Deacon Ray Pieretti; Dick Schwoebel, Business Manager; Bernie Garvey, Chair; Don Ames, Ellie Dougherty; Julia Franko; Mary Lou Franko; Marie Packer; Jen Sinkler; Dorothy Trauger; Theresa Zdaniewicz; Pat Wall; and Bill Waters, Secretary. Not present was: Bill Jones.

1. The meeting was called to order by Bernie Garvey.
2. Prayer requests were offered for: Those having anniversary celebrations; Joe Schiavone; Children who live in fear; Fr. Joseph Evanko.
3. Deacon Ray led the opening prayer.
4. Bernie Garvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. The minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Pat Wall and seconded by Marie Packer.
6. Father Pat had no items under the Pastor's Report.
7. Representatives from the following parish ministries provided reports to the PPC:

- a. Religious Education. Jen Sinker reported that CCD students had Halloween Fun with cider and donuts and the annual Christmas Program with a dessert reception. Reconciliation was held on February 3. Children received Easter candy donated by Summer Pieretti. The First Holy Communion luncheon was held last weekend. First Holy Communion will be on May 5 and Confirmation will be on May 6. Next year's registration forms will be available online or in the Welcome Center. See report.
- b. Buildings and Grounds. Jen Sinker delivered the Buildings and Grounds report. Most of the outside lights have been changed to LED's. The landscaper cleaned up leaves and debris. The Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas and Easter. A new stove, faucets, and fan have been installed in the kitchen. Hot water system has been fixed. Permanent signs were made for the Ham and Cabbage dinner. See report.
- c. Finance and Fundraising. Don Ames delivered an abbreviated finance report.
- d. Liturgy and Music. Pat Wall thanked Bill and Janet Shaw for coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a new Mass setting. The choir is currently learning it and will take the lead with the congregation.
- e. Pro-Life. Theresa Zdaniewicz reported that flowers will be sold on Mother's Day.
- f. R.C.I.A. Julia Franko reported that we had one R.C.I.A. candidate. She worked collaboratively with Mae and Jody Nowalk from Nativity to instruct the candidates.
- g. Altar and Rosary Society. Ellie Dougherty gave the report for the Altar and Rosary Society. It is anticipated that there will be a new president for the Society by September. In lieu of an April meeting the Society journeyed to the Capuchin Sisters' Convent for a Holy Hour.
- h. Parish Youth Ministry. Julia Franko presented the report for the youth ministry and mentioned the ISLI program and participation in The Way Living Stations.

- i. **Bereavement Ministry.** Deacon Ray reported that the Bereavement Ministry continues on an individual basis.
- j. **Prison Ministry.** Deacon Ray reported that the prison ministry is ongoing on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- k. **Social Concerns.** Mary Lou Franko presented the Social Concerns report. The Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry continues to service about 75 clients a month. Sonshine visits continue to be made, with over 20 recent visits completed. The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service was held at St. Mary of the Lake this year. The collection was for the support of the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry. The Adopt A Family community outreach continued at Christmas time. It will be continued next year.
- l. **Prayer Shawl Ministry.** Dorothy Trauger presented the report. Recently there have been three shawls given for Baptisms, six for Sympathy, and seven for Get Well. In addition, shawls were provided to Adopt A Family recipients at Christmas. See report.
- m. **Parish Concerns.** Marie Packer reported no parish concerns. Bill Waters offered seven motions to the Council. Six were approved and one motion was rescinded. The motions were as follows:
 - i. To recommend adoption of Parish Council Bylaws as listed. (Passed)(Article 3 Section 4 was amended to permit multiple terms for members.)
 - ii. To recommend adoption of the revised agenda format for Parish Council meetings as listed. (Passed)
 - iii. To recommend the creation of four Standing Ministry Committees of the Parish Council as listed. (Passed)
 - iv. To recommend adoption of the Parish Council/Committee Meeting Schedule as listed. (Rescinded. Schedule needs to be reworked with correct dates.)
 - v. To recommend adoption of Directional Planning Statements as listed. (Passed)
 - vi. To recommend adoption of Goal Statement Sheet and Parish Planning Guide as listed. (Passed)
 - vii. To recommend adoption of the Saint Mary of the Lake Parish Prayer as listed. (Passed) See report.
- n. **Technology.** Bill Waters presented an update on our Digital Disciple Ministry. The ministry now has its own email address: digitaldisciples@nativitystmary.org People can send pictures to that address for publication. A new evangelization video has been

created. Anyone can now view Daily Mass and stream Catholic television and radio from the website. A section for young adult Catholics has been added. Our Facebook page is posting pictures from Baptisms. A number of goals for the future have been established. See report.

8. **Old Business:** Father Pat reported on an number of repairs to the church/hall/property:
 - a. New light fixtures can be installed in the church.
 - b. Other outside grounds work will be done.
 - c. The painter will provide an estimate for painting of the church interior.
9. **New Business:** A new stove has been installed in the hall, and faucets and hot water have been fixed.
10. **Concluding Comments:** Our pavilion at the Fair Grounds is in process. A permit has been procured. Capuchin Sisters are in need of funds.
11. **Upcoming Events:** The Saint Mary Thon race will be held on June 3. The Golf Tournament will be held on August 20.
12. **The next Saint Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.**
13. **Father Pat led the St Mary of the Lake Parish Prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill Waters, Secretary