

MINUTES

Church of St. Mary of the Lake - Parish Pastoral Council

October 12, 2017

VISION STATEMENT 2013: *“Ten years from now (2013) there will be twice as many parishioners involved and active in the parish and through us, all will know and experience Christ.”*

Present: Father Pete, Bob Wenger, Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Jerry Pfeilsticker, Maria Schultz, Morgan Pavelka, Lucas Grieves

Absent: Marty Foster,

Opening Prayer	Led by Bob Wenger
Meeting roles	Chair – Marilyn Pfeilsticker Recorder – Maria Schultz Timekeeper – Jerry Observer – Lucas
Introduction of Guests Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Guests were introduced – Linda Harvey, Ann Nibbe and Teri Pepin Approved Approved
Action Item: How to engage young people in living the Catholic faith.	Linda Harvey gave a summary of the concern of the faith formation of students focusing on those of post-Confirmation age. The concern of targeting these youth was a priority/idea listed in the Strategic Planning document (January 2015-June 2016). Post-confirmation students do not receive any formal faith formation. There is a need to prepare them for college and life after high school. They need to be equipped with a toolbox filled with a better understanding of the Catholic faith, its traditions, prayer life and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ in order to be prepared when faced with challenging situations. Possible ideas include move the age of Confirmation to 12 th grade; offer Bible studies; reverence for life class; service projects; fun activities with food; form a youth group. Possible solutions include form a Faith Formation Committee, hire a youth minister and create a full-time Faith Formation Director position. After the guests departed the meeting, the Council discussed several options on how to move forward with this concern. The decision was made to ask for volunteers to attend the monthly UNITE event held at the Rochester Catholic Churches. Lucas and Morgan will invite others to form a small group and attend the next UNITE event and provide feedback at the next council meeting. The suggestion to invite Father Jonathan to come to give a talk at St. Mary’s was put on hold.
Action Items Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family dinners with Father: Lucas will take the initiative and invite two additional couples to have dinner with Father on November 3 or 10.
Building Policy	There have been several requests by non-parishioners to use our parish facility. The building policy continues to be revised to meet Diocesan guidelines regarding liability insurance.
Faith Formation Update	Maria shared the FF report that Becca submitted: 140 students have registered for FF and two new families were added last week. Trick or Treat for the food shelf will be held on Halloween. This is a joint event with United Methodist and First Lutheran churches. The first student Mass is October 15. Becca plans to purchase bibles for students in grades 6-8. The KC’s are giving a donation to help pay for them. Going forward, we will purchase bibles for our 6 th grade students.
Pastor’s Report	Father shared some information about a possible ‘sister parish’ in Vera Cruz, Mexico. The priority is to build a relationship with them and learn what they can offer us and what we

Upcoming Events	<p>can offer to them. This will be discussed at the next APT meeting. FF is growing. Having a Spanish Mass held here helps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration will be held at the farm of Andy and Natalie Price in Kasson on Friday, October 13. Bishop Quinn will be there and everyone is invited. • Holy Hour sponsored by the Serra Club will be held at SP to pray for vocations on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick. Deacon David will lead in prayer.
Observer Comments:	We were kind of rushed but covered some deep topics and had discussion of good ideas. More points of information are needed for further discussion.
Next Meetings:	<p>Joint PC – Thursday, November 16, 2017 at SM beginning with Mass at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM</p> <p>SM PC– Thursday, January 25, 2018 beginning with Mass at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM</p>
Person to Lead Prayer:	Jerry Pfeilsticker will lead prayer.
Closing:	Bob led us in a closing prayer