

MINUTES
Church of St. Mary of the Lake - Parish Pastoral Council
April 6, 2017

VISION STATEMENT 2013: *“Ten years from now 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, Jerry Pfeilsticker, Maria Schultz

Absent: Marty Foster, Marilyn Pfeilsticker

New Members: Morgan Pavelka and Lucas Grieves

Opening Prayer	“Stabat Mater” (At the Cross Her Station Keeping) led by Maria Schultz
Meeting roles	Chair – Jerry Pfeilsticker for Marilyn Pfeilsticker Recorder – Maria Schultz Timekeeper – Lucas Observer – Bob Wenger
Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Approved Approved
Building Policy	Father began the meeting by summarizing our vision statement. We need to hear from people especially the young people. The meeting continued with introductions of two new parish council members: Morgan Pavelka, who will represent the youth of our parish and Lucas Grieves, who will represent the young adults. The building policy is closer to being complete. There is still need for a few clarifications and edits.
Action Items Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flowers for Mother’s Day: Flowers will be given to moms after the 5:00 and 10:00 AM Mass on May 13 and 14. • Family dinners with Father: More effort is needed to make this happen. • How to measure our parish vision: A chart is being created to look at the numbers of ministries and involvement beginning in 2013 (when our vision statement was initiated) to the current year. • Small Group Ideas: 33 Days to Morning Glory is being looked at as a possibility as the Bishop Barron Group draws to an end.
Faith Formation Update Faith Formation Committee Update	No Report The Faith Formation Committee is on hold.
Welcome Committee Report	Our parish continues to grow. We welcomed 6 new families on Welcome Sunday held in February.
Liturgy/Sunday Experience Update	There was a meeting prior to the beginning of Lent. Several great ideas and suggestions were discussed. One of the ideas that have been implemented is having a printed program for Mass on Sundays. This is on a trial basis during Lent to see how well it is received. A Lenten cross display was created in the Gathering Space. Another idea that is being done is initiating more effort to inviting people to attend the Easter Vigil.
APT Report	Father gave a summary of who and what the APT is and what has been done since the fall of 2015. <i>Power of Prayer</i> presentation (Fall 2015), <i>What it means to be Catholic</i> series (2016) and in 2017 the focus is how to uplift the family and work together. A family fun event is being planned for Sunday, August 13 at the farm of Joan and Bill Cronin. A committee will be formed to coordinate the details.

Pastor's Report	<p>There will be an "End of Life Issues" presentation held at St. Patrick on Sunday, May 7 at 9:00 AM. This is the same talk that was held at St. Mary's in March.</p> <p>Getting the young people engaged in parish life and at Mass is a priority for our parishes. Father Jonathan had a positive impact on young people when he was here a few years ago and maybe we will invite him to visit.</p> <p>Father also talked about the possibility of maybe having a seminarian come to our parishes this summer who would work 2-3 days per week.</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Food-Safety Certification Class is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 9-12 • Holy Week schedule was reviewed • Divine Mercy Celebration at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 23 at St. Mary's • 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration will be held at the farm of Andy and Natalie Price in Kasson on Saturday, May 13. Everyone is invited.
Anything Else	A suggestion was made by a parishioner that as our choir is growing; perhaps the choir area in the church should be expanded.
Observer Comments:	Very good meeting. The new members are already adding to the meeting. We moved along and covered the agenda. A very good meeting.
Next Meetings:	Joint PC – Thursday, May 11, 2017 at SM beginning with Mass at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM
Person to Lead Prayer:	SM PC– Thursday, October 12, 2017 beginning with Mass at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM Bob
Closing:	Maria led us in praying the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel