

MINUTES
Church of St. Mary of the Lake - Parish Pastoral Council
October 20, 2016

Present: Father Pete, Ben Bly, Bob Wenger, Marty Foster, Jerry Pfeilsticker, Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Maria Schultz
 Guest: Pat Vaplon

Opening Prayer	Marty Foster
Meeting roles	Chair – Marilyn Pfeilsticker Recorder – Maria Schultz Timekeeper – Jerry Pfeilsticker Observer – Ben Bly
Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Approved Approved
Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor’s Report • Amazing Parish Team (APT) • JOINT Pastoral Council Update 	<p>Father reported that Juli Schmidt has accepted the position of administrative assistant and began on October 17. Amanda Durand has resigned from the Parish Council and Father will invite another parishioner to replace her.</p> <p>Father gave an update on the Being Catholic events: In April, 2016, a survey question was given to parishioners “What do you wish you knew about Catholicism and the Catholic Faith?” These questions have been categorized and will be answered after all weekend Masses on November 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20.</p> <p>“<u>Mass of Remembrance</u>” is an event open to the public and scheduled for Thursday, October 27. Everyone is welcome and an article was published in the Lake City Graphic and also in the First Choice Clinic newsletter. Invitations and flyers were distributed to surrounding parishes and businesses. This is a mass of healing for all those who have suffered the loss of a child by any means including illness, accident, stillbirth, abortion, miscarriage or suffered due to infertility. {Rebecca Stolz} submitted a grant application to Catholic United Financial to offset expenses for the event.</p> <p>Another event “<u>Everything You Wanted to Know About Catholicism but Were Afraid to Ask</u>” is scheduled for Sunday, October 30. This event is open to the public and was published in an article in the Lake City Graphic.</p> <p>The Amazing Parish Team {members include Deacon and Ann Marie Dose, Julie and Dennis Makoutz, from SP and Paul Kluesner, Becca Weist, Rebecca Stolz, from SM and Maria Schultz and Father Pete} will attend the next Joint Parish Council meeting on November 10. Father will lead the discussion by explaining the goals for the next six months and invite the council members to help in accomplishing these goals.</p>
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Policy on Use of Facility (Kitchen and Fellowship Hall)</u> Discussion and suggestions for a policy on the use of the kitchen and fellowship hall included: Parishioners and non-profits should not have to pay a fee for use; suggested donation of \$200 for use by all other organizations and individuals. Other items to be included in the policy are separate charges for hall and use of kitchen, clean up, and insurance. Father requested a copy of the policy from St. Charles to use as a sample to work from. Father will work with Juli, Pat Vaplon, Jerry Pfeilsticker and Bob Wenger in order to have the policy completed by the January 2017 PC meeting. • <u>New Framed Photo of Church with Mission Statement</u>

	Discussion of where to hang the newly framed photo and mission statement that was recently created and donated by an anonymous donor. Decision was made to hang it on the wall between the door to the basement and the stained glass window across the hall from Father's office.
Other Business/Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The movie "Voiceless" will be showing in Red Wing from October 28-November 3. • The annual diocesan census count done in October will be postponed at SP due to the road closure near the Church. • Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph in Theilman is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM. • SM is planning a St. Patrick's dinner for March 17, 2017. • <i>The Word Among Us</i> and children's activity sheets will be available for Advent 2016 and Lent 2017. • Certification on using the kitchen will be available in spring 2017 for those who are interested • Donut Sunday could use an oomph to get more people involved • Virtus training will be available in the near future for those who have not yet been certified
Hispanic Community	The Spanish Mass scheduled for Saturday, October 22 has been canceled because a special Year of Mercy event is being held in Mankato that day. There was discussion of holding an outdoor Spanish Mass at the apple orchard perhaps in mid-September 2017.
Year of Mercy	
Observer Comments	Very good discussion. There was a lot of gray area. We shared freely and openly and we hope that Father takes our advice. The Spirit is growing in our Church and in our group.
Next Meetings:	Joint PPC – Thursday, November 10, 2016 at SP beginning with Mass at 6:30 PM SM – Thursday, January 26, 2017 beginning with Mass at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM
Person to Lead Prayer:	Bob Wenger
Closing:	Marty led us in a closing prayer on the New Evangelization