

MINUTES
Churches of St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Lake - Joint Pastoral Council
Site: St. Patrick, West Albany
September 14, 2017

MISSION STATEMENT: *To use our resources, wisdom and energy to empower and encourage parish families and surrounding communities so that people see Christ in our works and commitment to make our parishes thrive and grow and to share our faith with others.*

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, Deacon Dave, Bill Diedrich, Lucas Grieves, Meg Sprick, Jerry and Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Bob Wenger, Lea Sexton, Jerry Ott, Maria Schultz

Absent: Morgan Pavelka, Marty Foster

Guests: Emmee Grism and Jennie Dieterman

Opening Prayer	Morgan Pavelka was absent from the meeting, but provided the opening and closing prayer.
Introductions	After the opening prayer, introductions were made. Jerry Ott has taken Dennis Makoutz's completed term and Jennie Dieterman participated as an observer and possible member from St. Patrick to take Ann Marie Dose's completed term.
Meeting roles	Chair: Bill Recorder: Maria Timekeeper: Jerry Ott Observer: Bob
Agenda Approval Minutes Review	The agenda was approved after "Faith Formation Committee" was added Minutes were approved with a correction: "Jerry Pfeilsticker" was added to those who coordinated the details for the family picnic.
Guest Speaker, Emmee Grism	Emmee Grism of St. Mary's, gave a presentation on our parishes possibly being a 'sister parish' to the Catholic Church in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Several questions were asked. The goal or mission of having a sister parish is first and foremost to build a relationship of praying for each other and gives us a better understanding of what the Church is. We can contact other parishes in the diocese (St. Dominic, Northfield, Pax Christi, St. John's, and Holy Spirit, Rochester) that have been doing this for further information on getting started. After more information has been received from Emmee and the APT provides direction, it will be shared with the Council for further discussion.
Reports Amazing Parish Team (APT)	Maria summarized the action items of the APT minutes of September 11, 2017: Father will obtain a list of college students of our parishes and send emails as a means to encourage them to be active in their faith; A survey will be created to ask parents and high school students 'what they need' to continue to be active in the faith; Sign Up Sunday to be held at both parishes October 14-15; Lifeline Mass at the NET Center in St. Paul is an opportunity for 8 th -12 th graders to participate and is being organized by Paul Kluesner.
6 Month Goals:	
• Small Groups	SP-Very positive feedback on the 6 monthly small group sessions on "Walking With Mary: A Biblical Journey" by Edward Sri. A women's small group book study may be formed for the fall. SM-Completed the Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline, the Bishop Robert Barron Catholicism series and "Seven Deadly Vices and Seven Lively Virtues;" 33 Days to Morning Glory began and there are about 25 attendees.
• Dinners with Father	A list of SM new members will be given to Marilyn to invite families to a dinner with Father. SP has had several dinners and continues to plan more in the future.
• Pastor's Report	SP has grown by at least 33 families. SM has also welcomed several new parishioners.

Faith Formation Committee	<p>We continue to look for ways to bring Christ to others. How can we take the Gospel home and apply it to our lives? The 2013 Vision (see top of page) continues to guide us as we determine what our parishes will need one year from now.</p> <p>Council members shared their thoughts on what our parishes will need one year from now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KC's have improved but there is room for growth and we need to expand on it; • We should have a network of people that will offer support when people are in need; like a social action committee; • We need to offer assistance for those who live at the Care Center and want to and are able to attend Sunday Mass; • Events should be ongoing; people will look forward to future events and plan for them; • SP has a guest book for visitors to sign in when they attend Mass; Action Item for SM- to provide a guest book for visitors; • Involve young parents, perhaps 'mentor' them; • At social events (fall festival, chicken barbeque, etc) include young parents; ask children to help; include the Faith Formation classes to get young people involved. <p>Father commented that when peoples' relationship with Christ grows, when we meet Christ, then we want to do more. This should be included in the focus of social events.</p> <p>Lea presented a suggestion for pre-school through second grade to use "Explaining God's Word" (Ligouri Press). This would not replace the current FF curriculum but would be a supplement for families to take home and discuss the Gospel readings. Price is \$1.95/25 copies. She will talk with Kendra (SP) and Becca (SM) before ordering.</p>
Old Business:	Bill asked about ongoing Virtus training for ushers and other volunteer ministries. Father will discuss with Kendra and Becca and will promote and encourage all adults to participate in the training when the next session is scheduled.
St. Patrick Updates:	None
St. Mary Updates:	None
Observer Comments	Very good meeting. Emmee made us think how we can be helpful to others. Reports were positive; some need some work. Vision updates – focusing on more social events and growth of faith: the reason why we're here.
Next Meetings:	Individual Parish meetings in October St. Mary's: Thursday, October 12, Mass at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM; Bob leads prayer St. Patrick's: Wednesday, October 11, Mass at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM; Lea to lead prayer; Bill to lead meeting
Next Joint Meeting:	Thursday, November 16, 2017 at St. Mary's; Mass 6:30 PM; Meeting at 7:00 PM
Closing:	Everyone prayed the prayer that Morgan had provided.