

MINUTES

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

Thursday, October 18, 2018

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: Bob Wenger, Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Jerry Pfeilsticker, Maria Schultz, Lucas Grieves, Rick Panther

Absent: Shay O’Toole Guests: Carol Thornton, Teri Pepin, Rachel Rath

Opening Prayer	Led by Jerry
Meeting roles	Chair – Marilyn Recorder – Maria Timekeeper – Jerry Observer – Rick
Introduction of Guests	Guests were introduced: Teri Pepin, Rachel Rath and Carol Thornton
Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Agenda approved after adding: “Christmas Ornament and Christmas Mass Times” Minutes of the meeting held April 5, 2018 were approved
Explanation of “Observations”	The meeting began with an explanation of the purpose of providing observations at meetings. It is to have those present reflect on the process and how we are working together. An observer should pay attention to what’s happening as well as what’s causing it to happen. Example – noticing that everyone became very quiet all at once. Maybe there was some conflict just prior. An observation could be stated as “we responded to conflict by becoming quiet.” The focus should be on group behavior, not individual behavior. Observations are not meant to be a summary of the content of what took place. Functioning as a team/council has value. If there is no value added with observations, then there is no reason to continue doing them.
Youth Ministry/Lifeteen EDGE	Rachel explained that she has received support and approval from Becca, the Finance Council and CCW to go forth with the EDGE Lifeteen curriculum beginning in September 2019 for the 6 th , 7 th and 8 th grades. It was suggested that the Council and all interested volunteers read the book “Forming Intentional Disciples” by Sherry Weddell. The Council had several questions and discussed how to move forward while being financially responsible. Bob, as Trustee, explained that the parish is governed by the Board of Directors which is made up of membership with the Bishop, pastor, vicar general and two trustees (Bob Wenger and Kathie Durand for St. Mary’s). The youth ministry program was approved based upon approval of pastor when one is assigned to our parish.
Online Ministry Scheduling	Rachel explained that the Finance Council has approved funding for an online ministry scheduling program. She answered questions on the various options and stated that it would benefit the office staff in making the monthly ministry schedule easier to create. The costs are \$300 for the licensing fee and \$23 per month. Training would be scheduled in January 2019 and rollout would follow for the three months of February-March-April. The Council approved.
Faith Formation Update	The Faith Formation report submitted by Becca was shared. “We will once again be teaming up with First Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church to trick or treat for the food shelf. This has been an amazing event in past years collecting so much food for citizens of Lake City! Rachel has my full support for moving ahead with the EDGE program next fall for grades 6, 7 and 8.”
Administrative Offices Signs	Discussion of type and style for signs for the Administrative offices and Fireside Room/Parish Library. More information will be requested and shared before final decision.
Parochial Administrator/	Father Jason Kern will be the Celebrant for Mass October 20-21 for both parishes. Msgr. Tom Melvin will be the Celebrant on Saturday, October 27 and Father Jason Kern will be the celebrant

Deacon Report	on Sunday, October 28 at both parishes.
APT Report	The APT approved an ornament to be given as a Christmas gift to families this year. In the past, a book was given. A sample was shared which would have a Christmas scene on one side and a Scripture verse or perhaps the Church name on the back and will need volunteers to put them together. Each ornament is about \$.58. The Council approved the purchase.
Suggested Christmas Mass Times	At the recent St. Patrick Liturgy/Sunday Experience meeting, it was suggested that St. Patrick have the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM. In the past the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at St. Patrick has been 8:00 PM which is too late for children. Deacon Dave will ask Father Jim Russell if he is available to celebrate this Mass at St. Patrick and a volunteer can be available to offer a ride for him to and from Wabasha. St. Mary's Mass times on Christmas Eve could then be 4:00 PM (children's), 8:00 PM and 9:00 AM on Christmas Day. It was noted that there is a lot of congestion in the church parking lot at St. Mary's after the 4:00 PM Mass and before the 6:00 PM Mass. The decision would of course depend on approval of the new pastor, if he is assigned by then.
Upcoming Events:	<p><u>Reminders/Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday-Sunday, October 20-21 – Father Jason Kern, Celebrant for both parishes • Saturday, October 27 – Msgr. Tom Melvin; Sunday, October 28 – Father Jason Kern • Mass of Remembrance – Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 PM; Confessions at 6:30 PM; Father Mark McNea, Celebrant • Holy Day – All Saints Day, Thurs., Nov. 1 Mass times: SM – 6:00 PM and SP 7:30 PM • Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph's, Theilman, Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM followed by social at Opera House; Msgr. Tom Melvin, Celebrant • Sacrament of Confirmation – Sat. December 1 at 5:00 PM Mass; Bishop Quinn, Celebrant • Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, December 1 from 8:00-12 Noon.
Observer Comments	An observation of body language included having stiff bodies, arms crossed; encouraged to be more open and to help each other. We each hear things differently; be open to listening and putting aside our own preferences.
Next Meetings:	Joint PC – Thursday, November 15, 2018 at SP beginning with Prayer at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM; Leader for prayer is Jennie Dieterman SM PC– Thursday, January 24, 2019 beginning with Prayer in the Church at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room
Person to Lead Prayer:	Jerry will lead opening prayer and Lucas will lead the closing prayer.
Closing:	Lucas led us in a closing prayer

Father Jason Kern (continued from bulletin): This past week is a very anointed week in the Church! While the world around us dresses up and eats too much candy the Church celebrates two beautiful days on November 1st and 2nd. On November 1st we celebrated All Saints Day which is a holy day of obligation. On this special day the Church rejoices in the souls of the departed who are with God in Heaven. Not only do we think of those saints who inspire us who are canonized by the Church as models of holiness of life, but we also think of the many people who have impacted our world and our lives who while not formally canonized saints, are certainly among the blessed in heaven. We ask those who have gone before us in the ways of faith to intercede for us here on earth and to inspire us to remember the truth that while we get 10 decades or less on this earth, the actions we do during this time determine where we will spend the rest of the decades of eternity. May we live like the saints and strive to become holy and prepare our hearts to dwell with our Perfect and Loving Father in Heaven. Speaking of eternity, Friday this year, November 2nd we commemorated All Soul's Day. This is a very Catholic day where we pray for the deceased souls who are not yet in heaven. These souls are in purgatory undergoing the final purgation necessary to enter into their eternal rest. Purgatory is the final purification owed to us for the sins and attachments in this life. While Jesus' death wins victory we still need to undergo a detachment from our sin and this world as well as suffer the personal punishment that is owed to us for our sins. This is the mercy of God burning off our final attachments so that we can dwell with Him in perfect love. God, give us the grace to live this life with eternal life in mind. Help us to live this life doing good on earth so that we can spend eternity living in Your perfect goodness!