

MINUTES

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

January 25, 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: Father Pete, Bob Wenger, Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Jerry Pfeilsticker, Maria Schultz, Morgan Pavelka, Lucas Grieves

Absent: Marty Foster

Opening Prayer	Led by Jerry Pfeilsticker
Meeting roles	Chair – Marilyn Pfeilsticker Recorder – Maria Schultz Timekeeper – Jerry Observer – Bob
Introduction of Guests Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Guests included – Ted Fierst, Teri Pepin and Ben Threinen Added item “Action Items from October 12, 2017” Approved
History Wall including Pastors of St. Mary of the Lake	Ted Fierst and Ben Threinen gave a presentation on a display containing the “History of St. Mary of the Lake” with pictures of previous pastors. The Parish Council was asked to approve a display that would contain the history of our parish as well as pictures of all previous pastors. This display would be beneficial not only to our parishioners, but to all guests that come to our church. It was suggested that the wall across from the bulletin board outside the ‘old’ office to be utilized as this is the primary entrance into the building and would be visible to everyone. The Diocese of Winona was contacted to obtain digital copies of previous pastors. The pictures will be displayed with their name and the years as pastor of St. Mary. Additional historical photos of our parish may also be displayed. Ben Threinen gave us an overview of some significant historical events that have had an impact on our parish. Parishioners will be asked if they would like to donate their family photos to be part of this display. The KC’s have approved \$500 to offset the cost of this display wall which would be about 9 feet by 3 and one-half feet. The council gave their approval to the history wall as presented.
Retirement Celebration for Father Pete	After discussion of possible dates for the retirement celebration for Father Pete, it was agreed that Sunday, June 10 after the 10:00 AM Mass would be the best day and time.
Open House for New Administrative Wing	There will be an open house and a blessing for the new administrative wing the weekend of January 27-28, 2018 after both Masses. People will be invited to begin thinking about what to do with the old office, keeping in mind the needs and suggestions submitted back in 2008.
Building and Grounds Update	Gene Durand announced his resignation from the Building and Grounds committee. Jon Bergin will contact people who have expressed an interest in being part of this committee and schedule a meeting in the near future.
Holy Water Fonts	There is a need to have one more holy water font at the middle doors of the church. The purchase of new fonts is very expensive. Currently there are five fonts in the back of the church. One of these could be moved to the middle doors. Maria will ask Richard for help in doing this.
Faith Formation Update	Maria shared the FF report that Becca submitted: Current enrollment in Faith Formation is around 140, a small increase from last year. By far our biggest increase has come from our Hispanic community. There are 15 children in second grade preparing for First

<p>Suggestion to serve Healthy Snacks to FF Students before Class on Wednesdays</p> <p>APT Report</p> <p>Pastor's Report</p> <p>Follow Up on Action Item of October 2017 Meeting: How to engage young people in living the Catholic faith and Dinners with Father</p> <p>Update on Care Packages to College Students</p> <p>Suggestions for Catholic United Financial Grants</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Communion in April. Becca will be doing a survey of parents and students on things they would like, what they would want more of and what they do not like.</p> <p>It has been suggested that healthy snacks be available before class for the Faith Formation students. This has been done in the past, but discontinued for several reasons.</p> <p>Teri gave a summary of what the Amazing Parish Team (APT) is and what the focus will be in 2018. We continue to look for ways to engage people in living the Catholic faith.</p> <p>During Lent, "Contemplative Prayer" will be offered as well as a Lenten retreat "Consoling the Heart of Jesus."</p> <p>Lucas reported that he attended a UNITE Mass and plans to attend another in the near future. He was impressed with the Mass and the music.</p> <p>Dinners with Father – Lucas tried really hard to get this organized by inviting many young adults to dinner, but was unsuccessful. He will give Father the names of the people and Father will send an invite.</p> <p>Maria gave an update on the Care Package to Young Adults Ministry. We have received 36 names and addresses of young adults to send care packages to. The goal is to send a care package between February 15-March 15 and another one in the fall. There will be a second collection the weekend of February 10-11 to help offset the postage costs.</p> <p>Applications are due for the Catholic United Financial grant up to \$500. It was suggested that a digital camera be purchased for use by staff and volunteers. An application will also be submitted for the chastity/abstinence grant, also up to \$500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass will be held at St. Joseph's in Theilman on Wednesday, January 31 followed by a catered social hour at the Opera House. • There are tickets still available for the W.I.N.E. (Women in the New Evangelization) conference to be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. • Hold the date for the annual Man of God conference scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at Lourdes High School, Rochester.
<p>Observer Comments:</p>	<p>A very good meeting; the history wall is a great project and we should give help to Ben and Ted who have put a lot of effort into the planning so far. We will be saying good-bye to someone important – well deserved kudos to Morgan who will submit names for a young person to replace her on parish council. The APT needs ideas for the focus for 2018 and the care packages will be well received. A very productive and very fast meeting.</p>
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p>Joint PC – Thursday, February 22, 2018 at SP beginning with Mass at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM</p>
<p>Person to Lead Prayer:</p>	<p>SM PC– Thursday, April 5, 2018 beginning with Mass at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM Lucas Grieves will lead prayer.</p>
<p>Closing:</p>	<p>Jerry led us in a closing prayer</p>