

Minutes of Joint Parish Council Meeting Thursday, May 24, 2018 held at St. Patrick

Present: Father Pete, Deacon David Dose, Bill Diedrich, Lucas Grieves, Meg Sprick, Jerry and Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Bob Wenger, Lea Sexton, Jerry Ott, Morgan Pavelka, Jennie Dieterman, Maria Schultz

Absent: Marty Foster, Jerry Ott

Guest: Rachel Rath

Opening Prayer: Led by Jerry Pfeilsticker

After the opening prayer, introductions were made

Meeting roles: Chair: Bill Diedrich; Timekeeper: Deacon Dave; Recorder: Maria Schultz; Observer: Bob Wenger

Agenda: Approved

Minutes of meeting held March 15, 2018 were approved

Life Teen/Edge Start-up Genesis Conference:

Rachel Rath shared her reasons why she is requesting support to attend a Life Teen/Edge Start-Up conference being held September 21-23, 2018. She is willing to attend and bring back information on how to begin a youth ministry in our parishes. The objective outcomes after attending the conference include the formation of a youth committee and to lay the foundation to begin youth ministry in both parishes. Rachel shared that she has learned that it takes 5-10 years to get an active youth ministry program going in a parish. Also, it is best to start with youth as young as third grade. Although the conference provides information for youth in middle school and high school it does not have information for the younger grades. The St. Mary's CCW has offered to pay for the Life Teen curriculum which is \$1600 per year.

Action items:

- The St. Patrick CCW will be asked to donate the funds (about \$1200) to cover the costs for someone from SP to attend the conference with Rachel AND
- Father will invite someone from St. Patrick to attend the conference with Rachel.

APT Update

- A small group series will be organized for the fall for both parishes called "The Discipleship Series" by Christopher Ruff, Diocese of LaCrosse. We've done small groups of his other books in the past. He will come in August to do the kick-off. It's hoped that all ages will participate.
- A short survey will be done at both parishes of youth and parents in order to determine how to better reach their needs. This information will be helpful to combine with the information that Rachel will receive from the conference and lay the foundation for a youth program.

Council Membership

- Appreciation was expressed to Meg Sprick, Morgan Pavelka and Marty Foster for their service on the council. Becky Lukes and Dennis Makoutz (St. Patrick) will commit to serving for 2018-2019.

Action Item: Father will invite two people from St. Mary's to serve on the parish council.

Pastor's Report - Priest assignments have been announced and St. Mary's and St. Patrick's are still waiting for a decision on who will be assigned to take Father Pete's place as he retires effective June 30, 2018. Diocese of Winona-Rochester – Father gave information on the new name for our diocese now that it has been named a co-cathedral.

New Business: The summer picnic for the Parish Councils, Finance Councils, Trustees, and APT and their families will be held at St. Patrick. Possible dates are Sunday, August 12 or Sunday, August 5.

St. Joseph, Theilman – Oratory and Cemetery – When St. Joseph’s in Theilman was closed and changed to oratory status, it was merged with St. Mary of the Lake. St. Patrick has been donating the proceeds from pancake breakfasts to help pay for some of the maintenance for the cemetery. Meg will find out what maintenance work is needed and then the issue will be sent to St. Mary Finance Council for follow-up.

Old Business: Virtus Training – A session was held on May 23rd at St. Mary’s and another session is scheduled for June 19.

New Business: Church Safety and Security – teams from each parish are being formed. Dennis Makoutz is heading the team for SP.

St. Patrick updates: Meg Sprick reported on information for possibly getting cell phone service at St. Patrick’s. There are a few options that will be researched further.

St. Mary’s updates: Lucas asked for permission to sell raffle tickets for the St. Mary’s Golf Tournament at the St. Patrick Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 4. This has been done in the past, so permission granted.

Reminders:

DOW-R Ministry Days – June 7-8

Ordination to the priesthood for Deacons The’ Hoang and Brian Mulligan – June 8 at 2:00 PM

Observer Comments:

A good meeting; there is strong support for the conference that Rachel wants to attend. Parish Council membership is in need of two members and youth are needed. The survey of youth and parents should be helpful. St. Joseph in Theilman needs assistance and that will go to the St. Mary’s Finance Council. Church safety is moving along, hopefully we will not have to use it and it is hoped that we can get cell phone service at St. Patrick. Thank you to Meg, Morgan, and Marty for serving on the Council.

- Next meetings: Individual parish meetings in October, 2018.
 - o Next **Joint** Meeting: Thursday, September 27, 2018 at St. Mary’s; Mass at 6:30 PM; Meeting at 7:00 PM. Marilyn will lead meeting; Jerry Pfeilsticker will lead prayer
 - o **St. Patrick:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 – Mass at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM; Bill D. will lead meeting; Deacon David will lead prayer
 - o **St. Mary’s:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 – Mass at 6:00 PM; meeting at 6:30 PM; Marilyn will lead meeting; Jerry Pfeilsticker will lead prayer

Closing Prayer: Father Pete gave the final blessing