

St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes

January 20, 2022

5:30pm

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Hall at 5:30 pm.

In attendance: Bob Hall

Council Members: Fr. Miniatt, Nellie Broeske, Sally Cole, Kathy Cook, Ruth Hall, Frank Marrese, and Gerianne Weyer

Trustee: Anna Reinders, Patrick Heesen

Father Miniatt led everyone in an opening prayer.

The December parish council meeting minutes were looked at and approved with no corrections. A motion was made by Kathy to approve the minutes and seconded by Ruth.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) Sound system: Excel is having issues with parts but Ruth will call again.
- B) Cemetery sign progress: Bob passed around designs for the cemetery sign from Birschbach's Manufacturing, LLC.
- C) Update on LOA campaign: Father has two co-chairs who are confirmed so far for our cluster, Michelle LaPine and Bill Bendt. Marv Rach and Tracy Merwin have agreed to help or make calls. There are around 500 families total between the parishes. He talked with a person on the campaign team from the archdiocesan end and they are planning a kickoff event.
- D) Loaves and Fishes: Kathy updated everyone on the two dates scheduled for our cluster parishes to participate in serving, March 30th and December 15th. A meeting is being scheduled.
- E) Pastoral initiatives: No additional initiatives were discussed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- A) December to date Mass averages: 4 pm – 65 (3 weekends of January), 8 am – 61 (4 weekends), 9:45 – 63 (4 weekends), 11:30 – 80 (6 weekends).
- B) Christmas mass numbers: 4 pm – 181, 8:45 pm - 145, 10:30 pm – 57 (ish), 9 am – 70, 11 am – 49, Mary, Mother of God – 56, and Traditional Epiphany – 104.
- C) Excited to be doing RCIA with Kyle. Stay tuned for dates of special liturgies to attend and support him! I'm also beginning to work with Walter Betz (Wally's grandson), and hopefully Nathan Warnkey at some point to prepare for sacraments.
- D) SPIRITUS is coming this weekend to make an appeal, as they did last year.
- E) 2021 CSA was amazing: St. Mary hit 140% of their goal, and combined as a cluster, we hit 114% of our goal. A thank you letter from the archbishop is on the bulletin board.
- F) I am settling into new leadership roles at the deanery (Rep to ACP) and archdiocesan level (ASC, ACP).
- G) Bible study resumes on Tuesday, St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians is the book for this study.
- H) I've been filling in for teachers as needed in religious ed.
- I) You may have seen or heard that "*Responsa ad dubia*" regarding the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* issued by the CDWDS were published on December 18th. Archbishop ListECKI has said that for

now, they do not bring any change to what we are doing in the archdiocese. The only thing that is being explored for sure at the moment is the possibility of moving the TLM into non-parish churches. In our case, the closest church that is not a parish church would be St. Martin in Ashford. The TLM Delegate, Canon Jayr, and the three archdiocesan pastors who celebrate the TLM are going to have dinner with the archbishop on a yet-to-be-determined date to discuss the situation and our response. I will certainly keep you informed if/as anything changes. Again, for now, the communication we have received from the archbishop is to keep doing what we are doing. He remains supportive of keeping the TLM available in the archdiocese. (Father did ask us our opinion that if St. Martin were to be split off from St. Matthew and made a chapel of one of our parishes, which parish would you rather see it become a part of? We decided not to really discuss it until any further decisions within the Archdiocese are made.)

- J) I attended the Advent parish mission evening in FDL. It was poorly attended, and in hindsight, not very well advertised. There is a Lenten one coming up on March 23, 2022 at the same locations and times as the one in Advent (so, closest to here at St. Mary in FDL at 6 pm). It would be good for us to attend this ourselves, as well as promote it. The focus will be on the Holy Eucharist.
- K) US Bishops are working on a Eucharistic Revival over the next few years. We should consider what we can do locally to revive and promote faith (in terms of the Real Presence, but also Mass itself, what it is, etc.).
- L) On a personal end, I did lose two family members to COVID pneumonia. It was tough, and not easy to do their funerals, but the grace of God was powerfully at work. I'm doing okay, emotionally speaking, but in a way, it's hard to process amid the flurry of life. There is lots of sickness and loss out there, and it's important to continue to be sensitive and care for people as best we can. (Father asked if anyone else had any sickness/loss they cared to share and we held one another up in prayer).

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Fall Raffle results - \$4,934.62 profit
- B) Boiler will be replaced in church: We received a quote from Air Tech for approximately \$45,000.00. Scott Sterr is looking into getting other quotes from other businesses.

REPORTS

- A) Finance Council: Gerriane said that the finance committee went over a couple months of the budget and they turned out fine.
 - a. Signed some thank you cards from major donors over Christmas.
- B) Human Concerns: Poinsettias were delivered in December to parish members who cannot attend church or who are in nursing homes or care facilities.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Motion was made by Bob to adjourn and seconded by Anna . The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. Father gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cook