

St. Mary & SOZ Joint Pastoral Council Minutes

October 27, 2021

5:30pm

Call to order by Ruth

In Attendance: Fr. Miniatt, Ruth Hall, Kathy Cook, Frank Marrese, Gerianne Weyer, Bill Bendt, Annette Soldner, Chris Dalzell, Adam Case

Trustee: Anna Reinders, Patrick Heesen, Rudy Jaeger

Missing Members: Nellie Broeske, Sally Cole, Dawn Macias, Bob Pelletier

Father Miniatt led everyone in an opening prayer.

No corrections were made to the 9/8/2021 St. Mary's meeting minutes. A motion was made by Kathy to approve the minutes and seconded by Ruth.

No corrections were made to the 9/16 SOZ's meeting minutes. A motion was made by Rudy to approve the minutes and seconded by Bill.

OLD BUSINESS

Old business was not discussed because of the joint meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- A) Sept./Oct. Mass averages: 4pm 70 (8 weekends); 8am 58 (4), 9:45 53 (4); 11:30 84 (8)
- B) Meeting with Archbishop ListECKI on September 10th.
- C) Adult Bible Study is going well. Religious Ed has been in-person with minimal hiccups, although the confirmation retreat ended up going virtual because of covid among SPIRITUS team members. I will be meeting with Kyle (19 years old) who wants to become baptized and belong to our church. Please keep him in your prayers.
- D) The Pilgrim statue of our Lady of Fatima was at St. Mary over September 11th and 12th. There was a great turnout on September 11th! 40 Hours was pretty smooth. I will have to remind people next year that the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance can't be left unattended.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Love One Another campaign and solidify parish case statements. How much do we want to align them?

It was a joint decision to have separate parish meetings to discuss the building and spiritual needs for our individual parishes, but we will follow, at a different date, with a joint meeting to discuss how we can work together on community, evangelization/outreach events to bring the two parishes together.

B) Parish meetings for SOZ and St. Mary

SOZ have already scheduled their parish meeting. St Mary will have their meeting following the November 13th mass along with the cash raffle drawing.

C) How can we align more closely the pastoral focus and direction of our two clustered parishes? What is going well? What do we need to work on? Gift of Sunday?

Discussion was mentioned that we need to invest in ourselves spiritually to bring people back to our church. Suggestions were made to work together on events through the funding of the The “Love One Another” campaign (guest speakers, parish missions, parish pilgrimages, community events, etc.). Kathy mentioned that there is a need for another group for the Loaves & Fishes in Fond du Lac and it may be a great way for all our parishes to work together (usually there are four serving dates per year).

D) Mass times and locations

Mass times and locations were discussed but we decided to table this discussion at this time. Bill commented that it would be something we should look into and try to get the most parishioners back to our masses. Anna suggested that we add a poll for preference of mass times when the parish trustee elections come up.

The next meeting for St. Mary’s is scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting for SOZ is scheduled for Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 pm.

Motion was made by Ruth to adjourn and seconded by Gerianne.

Father gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cook

Annette Soldner