

St. Mary Parish, Milton

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

Present: Ed Butler, Matt Keller, Vicki Kersten, Angie McNally, Lou Pins, Don Roberts, Lori Schrank, Fr. David Wanish
Excused: Barry Brandt, Marci Brandt, Val Crofts, Lisa McCue, Kathryn Owens

I. Prayer

The meeting opened at 6:15 p.m. with prayer led by Fr. David.

II. **Forming Intentional Disciples:** Books were distributed to all members. Father would like us to read 2 chapters per month and then discuss at the next meeting. He is hoping everyone will feel free to add their own perspective. Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 for the March meeting.

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the November 29, 2019 and January 21, 2020 meetings were approved as printed.

IV. Council / Commission Reports:

a. **Finance:** Acct #52960 YTD total of \$6,132 represents the cost of the new tables purchased for the parish center. The sale of the old tables totaled \$470. The Offertory Report for 2019-20 ended the weekend of November 24 with a running total of -12,622. So far on the new report, as of February 16 the running total is ahead by 3,990.

b. **Liturgy:** Overall, Advent and Christmas seasons went very well. We have begun walking the processional cross into church at the beginning of mass. Many positive comments have been heard by parishioners as we reinstate this tradition. New servers albs will be ordered thanks to the donation of a couple of parishioners. The theme for Lent is "Return to Me with Your Whole Heart." Stations of the Cross will be held every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. during Lent, beginning March 2. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday will be celebrated at St. Mary – Holy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter Sunday at St. Joe's. After Easter, Father will begin educating parishioners on the Traveling Chalice Program, which will begin again in the fall.

c. **Buildings & Grounds:** A short meeting was held in February to brief the Commission about the meeting with the architect.

d. **Education:** Will meet at the end of February.

e. **Outreach:** St. Mary, Hope Lutheran and United Methodist churches are working together to bring to life Memory Café. This is a social event held once a month for those with memory loss, their care providers and family members to relax, have fun and find support of others in the community. The

Café will be held on the first Thursday each month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The first event is March 5 at St. Mary. This month Rod Hilton will talk about the history of Milton, using props from the Milton Historical Society. There is no fee to attend and light snacks and beverages will be provided.

- f. **Pastoral Care:** The annual Advent Bereavement Service held on December 5 was well attended as was the Christmas party at Milton Senior Living on Tuesday, December 10.

V. Discussion:

- a. **FOCCUS Couple:** Two married couples have come forward to volunteer to work with engaged couples on marriage preparation.
- b. **Bishop Hying:** Father announced that he is working with the Bishop's assistant to schedule a date for the Bishop to come to St. Mary and St. Joseph. A date will be announced soon.
- c. **School of Healing:** Father would like to begin holding healing sessions at St. Mary. We would need 2-3 people who had attended the school of healing to be team leaders. He envisions this to happen once per month following mass and would be open to anyone of any faith.
- d. **Pastoral Council and Trustee Elections:** At a previous meeting, it was discussed about whether to change our current way of holding elections at St. Mary. The discussion was tabled until the new priest arrived. After some discussion with Fr. David, it was determined that we will continue with the current process and possibly tweak some things for next year.

VI. Task Assignments for Next Meeting on March 17, 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

Chair: Matt Keller

Prayer: Ed Butler

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.