

**Saint Mary Parish, Milton**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2018**

**I. Prayer**

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer.

Present: Barry Brandt, Marci Brandt, Ed Butler, Val Crofts, Vicki Kersten,  
Rod Montanye, Lori Schrank, Mary Kay Sitter, Pat Starr, Fr. Dave  
Timmerman, Steve Vicenzi, Mark Warren

Excused: Milt Wendler

**II. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**III. Commission / Committee Reports**

**A. Finance**

Currently, our income and expenses are well within our budget. Fr. Dave renewed a \$25,900 CD at First Community Bank today at the rate of 1.5%. At the February meeting, Cari Henning, our Edward Jones rep will attend to review the investments.

**B. Liturgy**

In December the discussion focused on getting ready for Advent and Christmas, and in January the discussion was preparing for Lent and Easter. Again this year Stations of the Cross will be offered each Monday through Lent at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of the Monday before Good Friday. Instead, Stations will be held on Good Friday at 6:30 p.m. The Liturgy Coordinator position is now posted in our bulletin, as well as the area bulletins and will be posted in the Catholic Herald this week and next.

**C. Buildings and Grounds**

Adam Clift has been hired to remove several dead branches and a tree at Fr. Dave's yard. Need to obtain a list of volunteers to assist with minor repairs around the property. Staff will promote our GPS survey to help find volunteers.

**D. Education**

A program for the formation of parents and children from baptism through age 3 will be purchased for those babies baptized at St. Mary. The cost is \$20 per family and includes a packet that is sent approximately every 6 months until the child turns 3. At 3 years of age, the child can then begin our Seeds program.

**E. Interfaith Community Outreach**

Focusing is on a couple of events: Kids Against Hunger event tentatively scheduled for the end of April. Funds will need to be raised for this event depending on the number of meals targeted. The second event is a community event which may include just St. Mary parishioners or the entire community, asking for individual home needs of elderly or community non-profits, plus finding skills of volunteers (again, GPS!) that would be willing to assist. The next Gifts Men's Shelter event is May 6-12. We are now combined with

CrossPointe Church for the entire week, instead of splitting the week with St. Mary taking Sunday-Wednesday and CrossPointe taking Thurs-Sat. One Sign-up Genius will be created to accommodate both churches for the entire week.

F. **Pastoral Care Commission**

The Advent Bereavement Service went very well with several participants staying after to attend the social. The Christmas Party at Milton Senior Living also went very well.

**IV. Discussion:**

1. **Fr. Uppena's 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary:** A group of Council members met prior to this meeting to plan the event. Basically, the event will be similar to the Ordination Anniversary party held for Fr. Dave this past year. Small sandwiches, chips, fresh fruit, cheese tray, lemonade and coffee, cake/cupcakes. We will switch mass times with St. Joseph. Fr. Dave will preside at St. Joe's at 9:00 a.m. and then concelebrate with Fr. Uppena at St. Mary at 10:30 a.m. A "Save the Date" postcard will be sent to our congregation. Fr. Dave will invite the Emmaus group that he and Fr. Uppena have been a part of for many years.
2. **Harvest Festival:** The Festival Leadership Team discussed the Survey that was sent to the parish in November as well as the Raffle Audit that staff endured in December. Here are the results: raffle tickets will not be mailed, we will no longer hold early return drawings, the Calendar Raffle must all be the same color, mini raffle tickets can only be sold the day of the event and must be present to win, tickets for mini raffles will be two-part, we are required to keep the sold stubs of all raffles for one year, a letter will be sent to all Milton non-profits letting them know the exact date of our Festival (which we have held on the same weekend since the 1970's), a letter will be sent to parishioners explaining the changes, there will be some location changes within the center on the day of the event, Children's Games and Cake Walk will move to the center, instead of pork roast dinner we will have an Italian buffet, the next Team meeting is April 15.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Highway 26 Sign:**

It was decided that the sign will be similar to the existing, but the arrow will be bright yellow. Funding is through memorial donations received.

**VI. New Business**

**A. New Meeting Time:**

Beginning in February, the meeting time will change to 6:00 p.m.

**VII. Task Assignments for Next Meeting on February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Chair: Val Crofts  
Prayer: Fr. Dave

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.