**Minutes of St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council November 14th, 2016**

**Present Members:** Father Tim Sheedy, Mark Petersen, Nancy Upmeyer, Alan Wieskamp, June Maiers, Kathy Hirl, Mary Knight, Marianne Harney, Pat Zimmerman, Lindsey Carey and Jim Luedtka.

**6:35 pm –**President Mark Sovers called the meeting to order. The group read the Mission Statement together.

**6:36 pm – Roll Call -** Mark Petersen

**6:37 pm –** Father Sheedyled us in prayer and reflection using the new prayer format.

**6:40 pm –** Motion was made to approve the **Minutes from October 3rd meeting and passed.** Motion was made to approve the agenda for the **November 14th meeting and passed.**

**6:42** – **Discussion** of Spiritual Journey – A Church on the Move

\*Part One: How a Church on the Move Thinks (sec. 5-10) Discussed chapter 5-10, Part Two: 11-15 to be read by next meeting.

**6:50 pm – Lightning Round for Commission Report:**

**\*Faith Formation-** Need to look at continuing to educate the parish about Formed.org and how to use it.

**\*Church Life:** Cookie walk Sunday December 4th from 8-1 in conjunction with with visiting Santa and K of C breakfast. (2) $500 scholarship to sophomores in college will be awarded. Looking at installing a garbage disposal in the kitchen, wiring needs to be run.

**\*Liturgy, Worship and Prayer:** Report attached. Looking to update software to notify servers. Training for ministry to start after the first of the year. New church banners arrived and will be installed in the church. Thanksgiving mass will be at 9:00 AM.

**\*Family Life:** December 17th Marriage on Tap speaker is Dr. Robert Pranger.

**\*Music Ministry:** No report.

**\*Social Action:** No report.

**\*Parish Nurse:** Handicapped signs were already purchased. City is providing posts. Doug will put up soon.

Both educational seminars are completed with poor attendance. Will have flyers available regarding content this weekend.

Still considering 1 more flu shot clinic with the cookie walk.

Blood Pressure Clinic Nov 26 and 27 before and after masses.

HBC schedules out thru end of Jan. We have a few people taking off these months. Could use extra help.

Anxiously waiting for the prayer shawls.

Thanks to the LIFT ladies for their generosity to our HB clients.

Starting planning on a seminar about Lyme’s Disease.

Grief share Surviving the Holidays program tomorrow eve at 7 and then final wrap up.

**\*Stewardship:** No report.

**\*Knights of Columbus:** First Sunday in December will be breakfast with Santa. Signs will be installed on Ely and Mehaffey Bridge Rd. Donut Sunday will be a week after first Sunday in December. Spaghetti supper was a huge success but wasn’t attended as well.

**\*Finance Council:** No report.

**7:15 pm – Father Tim’s Report –** Methodist church with 3 pastors and following soup supper at 6:30 PM.

1. Upcoming Activities in the parish: Reconciliation service will be December 14th at 6:30. 3 priests available.
2. Parish Book keeper: Amy Van Felt hired and will start shadowing Donna December 5th.
3. Old church: the process, reaction and words of wisdom. Mold/asbestos abatement will start soon. Trees have already been removed. Hope to use the old steeple as a small chapel.

**7:35**- **Current Works: Visible and Active Pastoral Council**

1. **Discussion of Wellness policy for the Priest of the parish**- Limit masses to one mass M-F, vigil Saturday evening and two on Sunday. 30 vacation days, must include 4 weekends.
2. **Discussion centered on New policy for Volunteers at St. Mary**- Diocese has asked to have Parish have volunteers sign registry prior to helping. PC decided to keep the status quo and not put additional burden on volunteers.
3. **Participation and representation during Pastoral council meetings**
4. **What is next for us** - Pastoral Council?

**7:55 pm- Summary of the pastoral council meeting.** Work session topics identified.

a. List of church activities, commissions and programs.

b. Year of reflection on accomplishments at St. Mary’s.

c. Needs for St. Mary’s now and 5-10 years from now.

**8:00 pm-** Following the new prayer format, the closing prayer was said by Father Sheedy and the group.

The next meeting will be a Work Session **Monday December 5th** in the Adult room.

**8:10 pm-** The meeting was adjourned