***St. Mary’s Parish Pastoral Council***

Minutes from Work Session

March 25, 2019

6:40 pm: President Adam Haluska called the meeting to order.

6:40 – **Opening Prayer**- The Vision Statement and 2020 prayer was read.

6:42 - **Roll Call-** June Maiers – by sign in.

Present Members: Fr. Tim, Michel Montgomery, Alan Wieskamp, Sue Schmitt, Mark Sovers, Nick Jedlicka, Adam Haluska, June Maiers

6:43 – **Motion to approve minutes**- Moved by Mike Montgomery, 2nd by Mark Sovers, Unanimous Approval. (8)

6:44 – **Fr. Tim’s updates**

* **Cemetery Update – Fr. Tim & Alan**
	+ Next meeting will be 03/26/2019
	+ Have $72K – enough to pay for the arch and statue of Mary
	+ Would like to get bids in and start work on arch in June
	+ Biggest expense will be the sidewalk
	+ Street will be lowered along the front of the cemetery, and we can’t do the sidewalk until that is complete.
	+ City law/rule: if we improve a property, need to put in a sidewalk.
	+ Question arose: Do we have the legal ability to waive “property improvement” requirement since we are a church. This is unknown – may be some grey area.
	+ Electricity should be put in and footings poured for all structures first.
* **Roof update**
	+ No date yet. Hope to have done by June
	+ Getting bids for roof over hall gathering space as well.
* **Lent**
	+ 24 hour adoration – thought more would sign up.
	+ All of council encouraged to attend
	+ Beatitude study – going well. Many groups, well attended, groups enjoying discussion.

7:00 – **Social Action committee documents from Bonnie Mataliano discussed. (See attached)**

* Special note – Free move passes are available for movie “Unplanned”.

7:30 **– General Discussion**

* Finance meeting coming up on 04/10/2019 – need committee budgets by then.
* Fr. Tim’s retirement
	+ Date and time of celebration - 06/23/2019 – after 10:30 mass
	+ Fr. Tim will create a planning committee
	+ Plan on inviting folks from all parishes that he has served at
	+ Gift ideas discussed.
	+ Fr. Tim will be living in Tidewater in Estero, Florida

07:22 – **Next Meeting:** Monday April 22, 2019 @ 6:30pm

07:23 – **Closing Prayer – Vocation prayer**

07:24 - **Adjourn**

**Faith Formation Feb 2019**

**The Biggest Lie**: Christmas Give-Away, with follow-up in bulletin and homilies to encourage reading

**Discipleship Sunday**: *To encourage a deeper commitment to discipleship in the New Year, Fr. Tim encouraged participation in prayer and formation opportunities.*  On the feast day of the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus accept the mission the Father had given him. We too have a baptismal mission: to transform the world by how we live as his disciples. Discipleship requires a commitment to ongoing conversion through: the sacramental life of the church, a daily prayer life and a willingness to learn about our faith and how to live it.

* **We have been responding to comments and feedback:** For example: connecting two military families for support now in anticipation of a young husband leaving on active duty this summer. A group of five women (widows) who want to meet monthly for coffee and friendship. Other connections are being made around a variety of demographics/needs

**Time & Talent Sunday**: *Following Discipleship Sunday, Fr. Tim encouraged us to embrace what St. Paul told the Corinthians:* That each of us is called to a different form of service. God calls us to use these talents to build up the Christian community. The church refers to the faithful & good use of our talents – as stewardship.

*He invited everyone to prayerfully consider how they could help the parish family.*

* **A New Time & Talent form was created through the input of staff and commissions.**
* **An online version was created. The link has been in emails to parishioners, with a note from Fr. Tim encouraging their participation.**
* **Information that needed to get out soon - has been compiled and shared**
* **Amy will begin entering all info in the parish data base.**

**Appreciation Dinner**: Saturday, March 2nd following 5:00 Mass. Wine & Beer social 6-6:30, followed by Dinner at 6:30 (catered by Ruzickas). Staff will organize/promote/serve.

**Vision 20/20 Team**: Fr. Tim, Dcn Mitch, Dcn David, Sue Schmitt, Mark Sovers, Adam Kaefring, Ruth Myers and Julie Agne. **Regional planning meeting for our parish:** Sunday, Feb. 24 at St. Mary Parish in Tipton.

**Vocations Team**: This past fall – the diocese embarked on a renewed commitment to help people discern and live holy vocations (married life, single life, religious life, priesthood). The deacons attended a November workshop. Kelly Ann Light (leader of our parish team) and Julie Agne attended the December workshop. A committee has been formed: Fr. Tim, Dcns Mitch & David, Kelly Ann, Dean Martin, June Maiers, Lindsey Carey, Dennis Uhl and Julie Agne. Meeting on January 6th – began the process of identifying & implementing ways for our parish to begin responding. – see Feb 17th bulletin insert.

**Men’s Conference** with John Pridmore and Fr. Rick Wendell was cancelled.

**Women’s Conference:**  **Day of Renewal with Anne Costa on Saturday, Feb 9th**

Attended by 85 women. Day began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Tim. Confessions offered by Fr. Tim and Fr. Helms during day. Good feedback. We had women from other parishes. One attendee shared*: I spoke with a woman from Dubuque who was invited by her daughter, who recently moved to Solon. She was in awe of the entire day and how wonderfully run and meaningful it was for her*

**Father/Son & Mother Daughter Nights** are on Wednesday evenings throughout the year, with those in 5-6-7th grade. Three for each group has been scheduled to date. We give parents/children shared experiences to grow in faith and formation of virtue. The guest speaker addresses both and then just the parent to go deeper in faith and to challenge, encourage and support the parents.

**Journey with Jesus Children’s Liturgy** will begin Sunday, Feb 24th and will take place at both Masses, 8:30 & 10:30, through either April 7 or 14th. The resources have been redone & training took place Wed. Feb 13th.

**First Communion:** 24 children are preparing for First Communion. The next parent/child meeting is Feb 21st. First Communion Masses take place the weekend after Easter at the 5:00 & 10:30 Masses

**VIRTUS/Safe Environment**: Ongoing compliance with new volunteers completing requirements, five year renewals and teaching touching safety.

**Kingdom of Happiness LENTEN Study**: **5 week** Parish Study on the Beatitudes. In a world that offers fleeting pleasures – Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes the path to true and lasting happiness.

**St. Monica’s Tears:** First Saturday, beginning in May at 8:00am, a prayer ministry to pray with and for one another’s family members who are away from Christ and His Church.