

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes from Work Session
February 13, 2017

6:30pm: Everyone present read The Vision statement together.

6:35- Roll Call:

Mark Sovers, June Maiers, Alan Wieskamp, Dcn. Mitch Holte, Mary Knight and Joe Wilkenson.

6:40 – **Opening prayer** for parish meetings was read together.

6:50 – **Motion to approve minutes** from November Business - June Maiers

A second motion to approve the minutes from November – Joe Wilkenson

Motion to approve the minutes: All in favor 5, all opposed 0.

6:55 – **Spiritual Journey:** *A church on the Move- Holding off until staff catches up, they are currently on chapter 13.*

7:05 – **Topic of Conversation for work session:**

a. Stewardship Round table:

1. *Discussed getting core members of Stewardship Committee meeting again regularly.*
2. *Important to define jobs for individuals in the committee so that volunteering for these is better defined.*
3. *Patty Benzing will try to define these goals and send to meeting members to discuss and adjust.*

b. Update on Action items from December Work Session:

1. *Discussed posting signage for minutes, committee news and calendar events in the entrance area.*
2. *Need to find an easel and get a larger board, Mary Knight will look into building an easle and Joe Wilkenson will look into the 3'x5' board.*

** See the attachment – “Reflections on the Prsbyterate as we prepare for our next bishop”*

1. *Father asked the Parish Council to discuss the list of questions (attached).*
2. *Suggestions taken by Mark Sovers and was passed on to Fr. Tim for his Thursday February 16 meeting.*
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8:15 – **January Pastoral Council meeting:**

Business Meeting Monday, March 6th @6:30pm

8:20 – **Closing Prayer:** *all members read the closing prayer together.*

8:25 – **Meeting was adjourned.**

Reflections on the Presbyterate as we prepare for our next bishop:

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1. What are the strengths you would like to communicate to the new bishop concerning the priests of the Davenport Diocese?

2. What issues do you think we as a presbyterate need to address with our new bishop?

3. As a priest working as pastor, parochial vicar, teacher, chaplain, in special assignment or as a priest who is retired from formal ministry what are:
 - a. Two or more traits that make our diocese unique:

 - b. Two challenges that we should address in the next few years: