

**St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council**  
Business Meeting - Monday, March 6th  
Minutes

6:30 - **Call to Order and Welcome.**

- **No Roll Call – Those in attendance:**

**Mark Sovers**  
**Nancy Upmeyer**  
**Alan Wieskamp**  
**Deacon David**  
**Deacon Mitch**  
**Sally Holte**  
**Mary Knight**  
**Pat Zimmerman**  
**June Maiers**  
**Joe Wilkerson**

- Vision Statement and opening prayer

- Additions to Agenda (Mark Sovers)

- Under Fr. Tim's report – Alan W. to give summary of old church and where things stand.

- Minutes

- Reviewed by Mark Sovers
- Alan W. moved to approve, June M. seconded
- Minutes approved

- **Pastoral Council Faith Journey – Church on the Move**

- Council was planning to wait for staff to catch up since we are on Chapter 22 and they are on chapter 12. Decided we will continue on. Read or reread chapters 18-22 for April meeting.

7:10- **Lightning Round highlights Commission Reports**

- Liturgy Commission (June Maiers) – summarized long report including:
  - Recap of Christmas
  - Plans for Lent & Holy Week
  - Plans for ministry scheduling software
  
- Church Life (Mark Sovers)

- Discussed Chili & soup supper on 03/18
- Parish Nurse (Nancy Upmeyer)
  - Discussed scheduling issues for homebound communion and resolution to issues
  - Medical supplies are in good shape
  - Next Education: - Lyme disease
  - BP clinics on 03/25 – 03/26. Not announced in Mass. Discussed getting professional signs made up to set in gathering space and/or outside. Deacons could add to announcements at end of mass
  - Discussion on Living Wills, guardianship, power of attorney: Nancy has individuals who could speak. Will investigate
- Church Life – Helping Hands – Pat Zimmerman
  - They meet 4 times a year. (March, June, August, November). Next meeting on 03/20 at 5:30 pm.
  - Jim L. sent email with pictures of light fixtures from old church. Stored along with other items from old church in lower level. Sell these at Harvest Festival.
  - Harvest Festival is 10/01/2017
- Knights of Columbus – Alan Wieskamp
  - Discussed 40 Days for Life – KC’s go to Emma Goldman clinic on Thursdays at 7 pm to pray for an hour.
  - Men’s conference attendees – will invite others – especially to the “Fishers of Men” session.
  - Jim Steinbrech organized a Euchre tournament. Did not have good turn out, but would like to see it on a regular basis and believe attendance would improve.
- General discussion on how to make commission heads feel welcome to come to meetings? Also need to make job of commission heads not so overwhelming.
- **Father Tim’s Report: (Fr. Tim absent – Alan W. gave status on old church)**
  - Church is asbestos free – report is available
  - Recapped items that Jim L. removed and has stored downstairs
  - Working on getting balustrade & balcony, and stained glass windows from bell tower
  - Expect to have contract for demolition this week. Plywood wall will be around church during demolition.
  - School chairs – another parish is interested
  - Joe Wilkerson knows someone who wants piano
  - Discussion: Open house at old church on 03/19 possibly from 9:30 to 1 pm so people can have one last chance to walk through before demolition. Some from group

volunteered to be there to help older folks on stairs. Put in bulletin. (June M. made motion, Pat Zimmerman seconded – vote passed.)

- Bricks will be sold by the youth group as a fundraiser.

#### - **Current Works: Visible and Active Pastoral Council**

- Men's and Women's Retreat weekends:
  - Wrap up meeting on Wed evening – 03/08
  - Suggestions discussed: more free time, more recycling
- Discussion: Start process for discernment committee
  - Vote is in June – could we start process earlier – right after Easter? Add this as an agenda item for next meeting.
- Stewardship update:
  - Patty Benzing was only one who attended last meeting – provided good information, and was going to write up job description. But now wants to wait until Fr. Tim has a chance to discuss leading the commission with Bill and Mary Christensen.
  - The work listed may be too broad for that commission.
  - Need a description of commission in our bylaws.
  - Seems to be difficult to get someone to lead that group
- Pastoral council open discussion
  - Why does St. Mary not have a fish fry? In most towns/parishes, the KC's handle it.
  - Alan W. said KC's would be willing and will discuss with them.
  - But do not want to compete with the Legion's fish fry. Could St. Mary do one or more joint with the KC's?
  - Mark Sovers will discuss with someone at Legion
  - Easels are built and Mary will bring them in for new display boards.

#### - **Summary**

- Action Items for Work Session in April:
  - Discernment Committee
  - Outline for Stewardship roles and parts
- Next meeting: Work Session- Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm

#### - **Closing Prayer**

#### - **Adjourn**