

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

Minutes from Work Session

July 15, 2019

6:38pm -President Adam Haluska called the meeting to order.

6:39 – **Opening** - The St. Mary Vision Statement was read.

6:40- **Roll Call**- June Maiers – by sign in.

Present Members: Alan Wieskamp, Carole Martin, Michel Montgomery, Sue Schmitt, Mark Sovers, Fr. Charles, Adam Haluska, June Maiers

6:41 – **Prayer** - Diocesan Vision 2020 prayer.

6:42 – **Motion to approve minutes** with updates - Moved by Mike Montgomery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Schmitt, Unanimous Approval. (8)

6:43 – **Incoming and outgoing members:**

- Welcome new full member, Carole Martin.
- Note that KellyAnn Light is the alternate and will come when available.
- Contact sheet needs to be checked for updates.
- A huge thank you to Mark Sovers for his past 6 years on the council and the excellent work he does with St. Mary as a council member and a parishioner. Mark related that being on the Parish Council taught him more about the church and helped him to grow in his own faith journey.

6:46 – **Meeting format**

- Currently we alternate meetings between work sessions and business meetings. Work sessions do not include the commission heads, though they are always welcome to join. Business meetings include all commission heads who report on their commission's activity. Fr. Tim thought it was good to give the commission heads a break from monthly meetings and so divided the meetings accordingly.
- Per Fr. Charles, we need to consider member needs and what we need/expect to accomplish as a council and should have further discussion to determine how frequently the commission heads should attend. To be discussed further.

6:50 – **Parish Council roles and Officer elections**

- President term is 2 years, but we can vote to amend the by-laws or to allow an exception.
- President: Alan Wieskamp nominated by Adam Haluska, June Maiers moved that the nominations close, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Montgomery. Vote for Alan as president was unanimous (8).
- Vice President: Adam Haluska nominated by Alan Wieskamp, Mike Montgomery moved that the nominations close, 2<sup>nd</sup> by June Maiers. Vote for Adam Haluska as VP was unanimous (8).
- Secretary: June Maiers nominated by Sue Schmitt. Mike Montgomery moved that the nominations close, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Haluska. Vote for June Maiers as secretary was unanimous (8).

7:00 – **Building and Grounds update** (Fr. Charles)

- Bob's list of work to be done was checked, and there is a need to prioritize what should be done this year. Expect the following to be completed:
  - Replacement of the flat roof area
  - Replacement of the roof over the office area
  - Window repair – Stained glass windows and others in the church
  - Interior of the church – painting and replacement of the seat coverings.

7:02 – **General Discussion Items:**

- Reminder: Fr Fladung's Installation will be Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 5:00 Mass with reception to follow.
- The next finance meeting will be on July 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM.
- We will be adding an extra EMHC for weekend Masses to stand by Fr. Charles to distribute the precious body.
- Fr. Charles very happy with how welcoming we are as a parish and noted that visitors have even commented about being greeted and welcomed in the parking lot before getting to church.
- St. John(Mount Vernon) and St. Isidore (Springville) parishes getting a new priest. May affect our attendance.

- Fr. Charles may ask KC's to step up to fulfill server role at Masses where we have no servers in attendance. Perhaps one of the Deacons or Dennis Uhl could train any who are willing.
- Fr. Charles and Chuck Brock will be attending the Project Andrew dinner along with young men from our parish who are in discernment. The dinner will be in Longrove on July 24.
- Reminder: The parish Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, September 29, 2019.
- Could we possibly host a Fish Fry next Lent? Mark Sovers and Fr. Charles will talk to the Legion.
- Fr. Charles would like signage on our overhang to read: "You are now entering mission territory."
- August 15 – is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 7 AM and 6:30 PM.

#### 7:30 – Possible topics for next meeting

- Harvest Festival
- Fish fry for next Lent
- Chili supper and/or Spaghetti supper
- Potential "tailgate" meal for SHS football games
- Potential "tailgate" meal for Hawkeye football games

#### 7:40–Electronic sign

- Discussion regarding securing an electronic sign for along the road?
- Finance committee said it is too expensive to just purchase.
- Could we get a grant from Riverside Casino?
- Contact Sheila Homas (sp) from Keota for information regarding grant writing. Amanda Stahle suggested as a good individual from parish to write a grant request.
- Need to check with the city to see if there is an ordinance that would preclude having the sign.

#### 7:45 – Open Staff Position – K-8 DRE

- Our remaining candidate took another position.
- Candidate needs to have a theology degree or a DRE certification, or have attended an MFP program with the appropriate educational background.
- Asking everyone to pray and consider ideas for better recruitment.
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#### 7:48 – PTSD – Mental health resources

- Mike Montgomery mentioned that we have good information, but there is a stigma associated with asking for help. We need to publicize that we have information and help available for individuals suffering from PTSD>

07:51 – **Next Meeting:** Monday August 19,2019 @ 6:30pm

07:53– **Closing Prayer – Vocation prayer**

07:55- **Adjourn**