

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes for Work Session Meeting on December 14, 2020
Zoom Meeting, 7:00

7:05 – **Gathering and Welcome:** St. Mary Vision Statement

To create and maintain a Christ-centered catholic community where our personal call to holiness, service and spiritual growth leads to continued authentic witness as Christ's disciples.

7:06 – **Roll Call** – members present: Alan Weiskamp, Carole Martin, Jeri B. Mike Montgomery, Mark Prentice, Father Charles, Adam Haluska, June Maiers

7:07 – **Opening Prayer:** Father Charles

7:08 – **Approval of Minutes:** November Meeting – Carole Martin moved to approve, Mark Prentice seconded , approved (unanimous – (8)

6:50 – **Topics**

1. Thoughts from shared reading for Council – *Forming Intentional Disciples, Chapters 5.*
 - Trust has to be built before proceeding with catechesis
 - Some feeling that some of us are the “lost generation”
 - There is no one size fits all on journey to discipleship
 - Conversion comes through the Holy Spirit, but we can help or hinder others on their journey – we have responsibility.
 - People leaving the church because their needs not being met. How do we change that? How do we help?
 - Openness to change – 3rd step of conversion....people may not realize that they are not open to change.
 - How do we find out where everyone is on their journey? Finding out where we ourselves are on the journey is important too.
 - Important to foster our families as well. Help them to realize the importance of the church. We need to do our part to help parents understand the importance of sharing and growing the faith with their children.
 - Adult faith formation programs at church are important. Frank Klima doing great job with adult studies. Father also offering scripture study. Good to have these.

- Read chapter 6 – Curiosity – for next time.

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2. Follow-up Discussion on Stewardship Committee – Making calls to parishioners.

Each person attending Stewardship meeting was given a list of 5 people to call, and met again on 12/10 to discuss after preliminary calls. Given go-ahead to continue calling folks.

12 additional people came forward who want to assist with calls. 8 attended the meeting on 12/10.

We have 730 to 740 families in the parish – trying to incorporate phone numbers from multiple lists so we can get more opportunities to be able to reach folks.

Need to deal with issue of confidentiality – need to keep information confidential and send to Father.

Formal calls started last week and will be continuing.

Will be a training session on 12/17 at 7 pm. Next Stewardship meeting – 01/04/2021.

It might be nice to have people call others with similar demographics.

Need to establish communication – hopefully to build trust.

Trying to also update contact information so they are receiving church info.

7:43 – **Summary** –

1. Council discussion on chapters and stewardship
2. Summary of Christmas mass times and any feedback heard from parishioners
Christmas Eve – 5 PM & 7 PM (drive-in at SHS auditorium), 9 AM Christmas Day.

7:44 – **Next meeting** (Business) – January 18 at 7 PM.

7:44 – **Closing Prayer:** Father Charles;

7:48 - **Adjourn**