

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
May15, 2018 6:30
Location: Office conference room

Reflection: The Third Day by Amos Niven Wilder

Review and accept minutes from Previous Meeting

First Item of business: Approval of Eagle Scout project of Matthew Pohland, who proposes outdoor Stations of the Cross at the back garden around or near the garden. These would consist of placards mounted inside presumably wooden, covered housings on posts set in the ground. Moved approval by Joe and seconded by Leila; approved by all. Much discussion about design and composition of structures covering the plaques or placards. Perhaps Matthew should get some input from Pat Marek, Fr. Pete, Mike Thomas, others, on esthetics, durability, etc.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Pete

- New date for newcomers' reception-June 10.
- Fr. Pete's 25th anniversary of ordination is August 6th and will be celebrated August 3rd with a Mass and a picnic

St. Mary's School:

- Post Auction report: good time, no hard numbers yet, but the general feeling it was also financially pretty successful
- Best estimate of number of students for next year: 163
- New Principal: David Arwood

Maintenance, Capital Improvement (Pat Marek):

- Update on status of phone, paving projects and any others. All bids still not complete, but getting there.
- Parish master plan for facilities; first letter went to DOK
- Acoustical Environment of the Church: **Frankly, I don't recall, what, if anything we said about this.**

Chairperson Updates:

- Rectory environmental survey: Dan O'Brien of ETSU will contact Pat about this.
- The weekend dates to increase E-Giving: May 19-20. Speakers at various masses were arranged. Text of appeal provided.

Associate Pastor's report

- Fun fest update: This went very well with \$4600 raised.

Finance Report:

- About 130,000 in reserve for current projects, more if needed.

My Parish App:

- This App is a social media type provided by the Diocese to the parishes. The administrative tasks have been completed and it is ready for roll out. Lucia Jank's recommendation is that as a system, this app needs to be under the responsibility of

St. Mary's systems office. Volunteers can continue providing help to roll out and usage under supervision and direction from the office.

- Awaiting the designation of someone by Fr. Pete.

New Business:

- JPIC would like to purchase a cabinet with own funds to permanently place under TV in gathering to house their products for sale. After discussion this was tabled and a request was to be made for a more formal, written plan.

Old business:

- Now that the top priority of identifying and hiring a new school principal has been accomplished, Fr. Pete will move on to identifying and hiring an office manager.

Closing Prayer

Dates to Remember

* Next Meeting June 16, 5-ish, summer social at the Schweitzers' John and Jan will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, soft drinks and beer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schweitzer