

**St. Mary by the Lake
Pastoral Council Minutes
June 13, 2024**

Attendees: Fr. Pat O'Loughlin, Debbie Andrews, Pam Alley, Lisa Christiansen, Patty Czerwinski, Mary Loendorf, Jessica Olle, Rich Pozzi, Jim Sisak, John Topczewski, Tony Turcotte

Excused: Barb Hammes

Meeting

Meeting called to order by Pam Alley at 7:00 pm.

Opening prayer was led by Lisa Christiansen.

Handouts: Financials, Minutes, Committee reports

April 25, 2024 Minutes – Motion to approve (after minor correction) made by Mary Loendorf and seconded by Jim Sisak. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report by Fr. Pat

- Fr. Pat purchased new vestments for the parish.
- Fr. Pat to discuss organization of orders of worship, petitions, musicians etc. with Fr. Thomas once he is back from India.
- Fr. Pat and Jim Sisak will continue to sign checks until we have a chance to get Fr. Thomas and John Topczewski to be set up as new check signers.
- 2024/2025 budget was submitted to the archdiocese. Net income of approximately \$40K budgeted. We have only included costs of help out priests in the budget – no allocation of costs of clergy for the new structure were included. In addition, no allocation of Siena school costs has been included.

Trustee Report by Jim Sisak

- Reviewed April, 24 financial statements
 - Net income of approximately \$40K for 10 months ending April 30, 2024 (excl. investment value change, capital expenses and Love One Another revenue and expenses)
 - Net income approximately \$31K better than budget
 - Revenue (primarily contributions & 170th anniversary contributions) above budget (\$23k)
 - Expenses below budget (\$8K)

New North West Racine Territory Planning Committee Report by Jim Sisak

- Overall planning committee – 4 assigned from St. Mary's – Coverage of sub-committees by member:
 - Ministry – Jim Sisak
 - Finance & Operations – John Topczewski
 - Administration – Lisa Christiansen
 - Education – Muggs Mueller
- Sub-committees have started to meet; Archdiocese liaisons assigned to each sub-committee
- Jim provided a brief update from each committee
- Plan is still to include a summary in bulletins of all 4 parishes at regular intervals – 1st update to be soon
- Question – can we get more background on the decision to limit priests to 3 masses per weekend? Jim to follow up.

Human Concerns Committee – Info presented by Pam Alley

- A special Meet Your Neighbor is being planned for the weekend of June 22nd & 23rd to celebrate Fr. Pat's 25th anniversary of ordination and as a thank-you for his time as Pastor of St. Mary's.
- Chew & Chat – May speakers represented Habitat for Humanity. June speaker to be Deacon Steve to discuss diaconate formation.

Faith Formation – Info submitted by Jen Wiseman

- VBS will be from Aug 5-9. Theme to be Scuba. Currently 13 already signed up. St. Rita/St. Paul will also be having a Scuba themed VBS June 24-28 and will include volunteers from St. Mary's. Materials will be shared across the parishes.
- Fall faith formation classes – decision made to not hold any child/youth formation classes at St. Mary's due to the small number of students enrolled this past year. Letter explaining St. Paul/St. Louis and St. Rita's programs to be sent to our families so that they can join one of those programs.

Old Business

- Fr. Thomas will start as pastor and Fr. Marco as associate pastor for St. Mary's as of June 18, 2024. Fr. Pat will help out at both St. Mary's and St. Louis until Advent when the new mass schedule will be implemented.

New Business

- Welcome to new council member Rich Pozzi and new trustee John Topczewski
- A special thank you to Jim Sisak for his 6 years of service as Trustee
- Thank you also to Fr. Pat for his leadership of the parish and the council over the last several years.
- Officer elections:
 - Co-chairs – Debbie Andrews and Pam Alley
 - Secretary – Lisa Christiansen
- Discussion regarding suggestions for implementation of new combined parish council for the new territory. Lisa will forward suggestions to the administration sub-committee.

Closing prayer: The Hail Mary

Next Meeting: To be scheduled after discussion with Fr. Thomas

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm