**Minutes of St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council August 21st, 2017**

**Present Members:** Father Tim Sheedy, Mark Sovers, Adam Haluska, Mark Petersen, Alan Wieskamp, June Maiers, Susan Schmitt, Marianne Harney, Pat Zimmerman,

and Kathy Hirl.

**6:30 pm –**President Mark Sovers called the meeting to order. The group read the Mission Statement together.

**6:35 pm – Roll Call -** Mark Petersen

**6:38pm –** Fr. Sheedyled us in prayer and reflection using the new prayer format.

**6:40 pm –** Motion was made to approve the **Minutes from June Work meeting and passed.** Motion was made to approve the agenda for the **August 21st meeting and passed.**

Additional Agenda Item, Cole Miller presented an Eagle Scout project he will be working on. He plans to build a Rosary Garden off the hall of the church. He has some material donated and the use of earth moving equipment.

**6:45 pm -** Officer elections held

President Adam Haluska

Vice President Mark Sovers

Recording Secretary Susan Schmitt

**7:12 pm – Lightning Round for Commission Report:**

**\*Faith Formation-** See Father Tims report.

**\*Church Life:** Harvest festival is scheduled for October 1st, 2017 this year.

**\*Liturgy, Worship and Prayer:** Ministry training for completed. Usher training will be re-held. Ministry scheduling software purchased and training is ongoing. October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Additional items in attached commission minutes.

**\*Family Life:** K-4 planning under way, RCIA starts September 12th, if you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Church have them attend. Back to school backpack blessing and keychain this coming weekend August 26-27th at all masses.

**\*Music Ministry:** No report.

**\*Helping Hands:** See Church Life.

**\*Social Action:**  No report

**\*Parish Nurse:** No report

**\*Stewardship:** Mark Sovers working on a refocusing effort and will be updating the Council going forward.

**\*Knights of Columbus:** Kevin Hayes is the new Grand Knight, Knights working on identifying new charity opportunities. Hoping to raise funds to decorate the Cemetery with flags and possibly dedication of flag poles to a family with members in the cemetery. September 1st is the Regis/Solon football game and Tootsie Pops will be sold.

Still trying to get enough volunteers together for Hawkeye football games Aramark tent. Only 2-3 right now for first game.

Cole Miller will discuss his Rosary Garden project at the Knights meeting August 28th where the Knights intend to help him obtain what he needs to finish this project.

**\*Finance Council:** No report.

**7:25 pm – Father Tim’s Report –**

* Formed.org not renewed due to expense and low usage
* New contractor, LPI, will be doing the weekly Bulletins. Data must be in by Tuesday and the bulletins will be created on Friday.
* October 14th a bus trip is being planned to go to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lacrosse, WI.
* Women’s Day of Renewal Feb. 3rd, 2018
* Men’s Day of Renewal Feb. 10th, 2018
* Church has been dismantled down to the foundation. Drawing passed along to council showing possible use of cremation slots and corner of the original foundation with monuments and an arch with “St. Mary Cemetery”
* Alan to inquire as to what the city will require for the 1000 ft of sidewalk once improvements are made.

**7:42** – **Discussion** of Spiritual Journey – A Church on the Move

\*Reflections on (sec. 31-39) On Hold, will pick up next month.

**7:45- Current Works: Visible and Active Pastoral Council**

Father Tim requested approximately $437.77 for a new Parish Council staffed Information Center which will be used after mass to inform Parishioners about events and opportunities in our Church.

**8:00 pm- Summary of the pastoral council meeting.** Work session topics identified.

* Fall Festival
* Cemetery and Old Church update
* Church on the move discuss chapters 31-42\
* Rosary Garden project by Cole Miller

The next meeting will be a Work Session **Monday September 11th** in the Adult room.

**8:15 pm-** The meeting was adjourned