**Minutes of St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council March 8th, 2016**

**Present Members:** Father Tim Sheedy, Mark Petersen, Adam Haluska, Jim Luedtka, Judy Gleason, Alan Wieskamp, Scott Johnson, June Maiers, Lindsey Carey and Chuck Brock.

**6:35 pm –**President Mark Sovers called the meeting to order. The group read the Mission Statement together.

**6:36 pm – Roll Call -** Mark Petersen

**6:37 pm –** Father Sheedyled us in prayer and reflection the Untier of Knots ribbons from the lattice.

**6:43 pm –** Motion was made to approve the **Minutes from February 8th meeting and passed.** Motion was made to approve the agenda for the **March 8th meeting and passed.**

Re-cap of last Work Session topics on making this the Best Lent Ever. Mark Sovers to sign up PC members for Mathew Kelly’s e-mail reflections during lent.

Glen Winekauf will be leaving to take a job in Indiana and will no longer be on the Pastoral Council. Alternate Mary Wright will be contacted to start in April in his place.

Stewardship commission meeting update (below).

**6:46 pm – Lightning Round for Commission Report:**

**\*Faith Formation-** Scott Johnson recapped the Men and Women’s conferences which were very well attended with great feedback about the presenters for both. Starting 2017 we will have retreat weekends in February 2017 and Men and Women’s conferences in February 2018. Christ our Life conference promotion for 24/25th of September. Youth Steubenville North with a theme of “Thirst”. Faith Formation Report minutes attached for review.

**\*Church Life:** No report.

**\*Liturgy, Worship and Prayer:** Chrism mass is March 14th at the Cathedral. Last Stations of the Cross was Wednesday March 9th, one more communal penance service Monday March 21st. Psalm Sunday internal procession for 5:00 PM and 8:30 masses with an outside procession planned for 10:30 AM is the weather cooperates. Holy Thursday is March 24th with a progressive washing of the feet planned, also Adoration will happen that night. Good Friday March 25th will have a Stations of the cross at 2:30 PM and service at 3:00 PM. Easter vigil will be at 8:15 PM on Saturday night with 1 baptism and 4 others receiving sacraments. Easter Sunday masses at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM with choirs singing both masses. Worship and Prayer minutes attached for review.

**\*Family Life:** Baptism program change in April, sponsor couples with 1-2 baptism parents. (3) sessions based on Reborn video series. Every two weeks, 4 times a year. Around 8-10 sponsor couples volunteering. Easter egg hunt combined with family gathering. 1 year old to 9-10 years old. April 10th.

**\*Music Ministry:** Chuck Brock asked to add consideration for moving the music room from the current corner storage area to the adult room after discussing with Julie, Jo Ellen and Fr. Tim. The area is bigger and will provide a good place for warm ups and a concert grand piano that Chuck will be having moved in soon. Motion was made to approve by Adam Haluska and was approved.

**\*Helping Hands:** No report

**\*Social Action:** Recognized MLK day, started with saying the Fatima Prayer to recognize the importance of Mercy especially during this week and as we continue to pray for those affected by Social Injustice. Bonnie noted this is an election year and tough decisions will be needed and we should pray for guidance. Encouraged everyone to call their representatives and ask them for consideration of issues important to the church. Last month was Right To Life Month, March for Life in Washington D.C. Friday January 22nd. Social Action minutes attached for review.

**\*Parish Nurse: Parish Directory**

A volunteer team will meet on 3/7/16 to prepare small envelopes with stick on pics of people that were not included in the parish directory. The envelopes will be available this wknd at all masses and those not picked up can be mailed.

Everyone who was not included in the directory but did submit a picture will get a new directory with their picture included.

**Loan Closet**

Thanks to several donations , supplies are now adequate. There will be one or two extra w/c’s in the ushers closet. Parish members can borrow “for a wknd or afternoon if needed.” There is concern that when the one w/c we have is left out that children ride around in it and that is has been taken for use outside of church making it unavailable if needed. Having a few extras will alleviate the issue. The legion also donated 3 extra chairs.

**Homebound Communion**

We have 8 routine distributors, 3 as needed distributors.

We currently have 8 parish members that get routine visits every Sunday, in addition to the nursing home, assisted living, and memory care unit.

**Grief share**

We completed a 13 week series on 2/11/16. I am meeting with Nick Saterlee and the youth group before Easter to offer bereavement support and encourage discussion. Our date is the WED of holy week.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**

Before and after all masses on April 2 and 3.

**\*Stewardship:** Stewardship council has been meeting going through handbook “Stewardship: A disciples response”. Possibly will be making a small group discussion on the workbook for other parish members to join in. Plan to identify witness presenters for the April 9,10, 16 and 17th weekends prior to the end pew collection for Time and Talent. No ministry fair this year. Commission heads need to update the contact information in the Parish catalog and get that to Mark Sovers. Next meeting is March 28th at 6:00 PM.

**\*Knights of Columbus:** Partnering with Fathers of St. Joseph, meet 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:45 AM at St. Wins. About 20 men attend. Membership drive was this past weekend March 12-13th. 1st degree coming up end of March, a couple of new candidates after Men’s conference in February. Discussion with Nick Saterlee to forgo Knights breakfast April 24th and instead use that for Steubenville fundraiser. 40 days for Life Thursday night prayers in front of Emma Goldman clinic in Iowa City.

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

**7:20 PM- Parish Whispers**

1. Feedback from Tanner’s funeral, Brosh Funeral Home working with someone at St. Mary’s in Father’s absence or that of any parish Directors.

**7:40 pm – Father Tim’s Report –** Old church roof was determined to have asbestos in it. Meeting to be scheduled soon to discuss next steps in an open forum. Hope to have a small chapel at site after removal of the church. $100,000 cost to tear down the old church. Sale of about 4.5 acres church property by trail for Alliant Energy and water reservoir for Solon. Money will be used to help with tear down of church. Needs Diocese approval.

Transitory Deacon Chris Weber will be starting in June to August 15th to assist for a couple of months. Ordained June 6th at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Father Tim’s 40th anniversary party scheduled for June 12th. Invitations to come. Committee has been identified to start planning. Pot luck to follow 10:30 AM Mass.

Holy week services via post card mailing to all households. Also going to be in Catholic Messenger and Economist March 17th.

Judy presented a shorter version of the Year of Mercy prayer from a mass in Minnesota for consideration by Liturgy.

**7:50 PM- Current Works: Work session will be April 11th.**

1. Discuss ways to include Deacon Chris Weber which will start in June.
2. Fathers 40th Anniversary party in June.

**7:55 pm- Summary of the pastoral council meeting.** Work session topics identified.

**8:00 pm-** Following the new prayer format, the closing prayer was said by Father Sheedy and the group.

The next meeting will be a Work Session on **Monday April 11th at 6:30pm** in the Adult room.

**8:05 pm-** The meeting was adjourned