**Minutes of St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council September 6th, 2016**

**Present Members:** Father Tim Sheedy, Mark Sovers, Mark Petersen, Adam Haluska, Alan Wieskamp, June Maiers, Kathy Hirl, Adam Stahle, Mary Knight, Marianne Harney, Bonnie Mattaliano and Jim Luedtka.

**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 using the new prayer format.

**6:40 pm –** Motion was made to approve the **Minutes from August 8th meeting and passed.** Motion was made to approve the agenda for the **September 6th meeting and passed.** Additions to the agenda were added under Current works 1. Hope House Drive 2. Security Cameras in the church and 3. Letter of resignation for Donna read by Fr. Tim.

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

**\*Faith Formation-** No report.

**\*Church Life:** Helping hands will have the Cookie sale on Sunday this year in conjunction with the K of C breakfast with Santa and Donut Sunday . Final arrangements for Fall Festival being made, looking for more donations for Bidding Barn.

**\*Liturgy, Worship and Prayer:** Report attached.

**\*Family Life:** Young Families Picnic date pushed to Sunday August 28th due to a scheduling conflict of a wedding on the 27th. Smaller crowd this year, around 10 families. Marriage on Tap begins Saturday September 17th from 6-8:30 PM, will be monthly every 3rd Saturday (with a couple of exceptions). Young Family Fall Walk currently scheduled for Saturday October 8th at 10:00 AM at the McBride Recreation & Nature Area. Planning under way for a Natural Family Planning discussion for engaged, married couples or couples experiencing fertility problems. Waiting on potential speaker.

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

**\*Helping Hands:** See church life.

**\*Social Action:** September 17-18 will be a 2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services and the flood victims in LA. Choices Medical banquet is coming up soon, we can host a table. 40 days for life begins September 28 and ends November 6th, pray in front of Emma Goldman Clinic on Dubuque Street. Can sign up online for a time and can be repetitive. Diane Werzer has been working with mentoring incarcerated individuals or those who have been in and out of the prison system. Domestic Abuse Awareness in October, box out front for items such as toys for kids or anything for the abused.

**\*Parish Nurse:** No report.

**\*Stewardship:** No report.

**\*Knights of Columbus:** 40 day right to life will begin shortly, Knights signed up for an hour every Thursday at 7:00 PM by Emma Goldman clinic in Iowa City. Started staffing Kinnick Stadium food tent. Made the most $ so far last weekend.

**\*Finance Council:** Adam Stahle was present and presented the final budget for last year. Church profited about $90,000 but will show on books as a loss due to accumulated depreciation. Net loss -$56,000.

**7:40 pm – Father Tim’s Report –** 2nd Town Hall meeting about dismantling the old church was well attended and he felt the discussion was productive. The Bishop will be on site to inspect first -hand the old church on September 15th at 1:00 PM.

Harvest Festival planning is underway, Father to offer up a home Mass and dinner at the Rectory. Hoping for more donations before the festival.

Father will be eliminating announcements after Eucharist as well as at the beginning of mass. Takes focus away from true meaning of Eucharist by doing these things during mass.

**7:50 PM- Current Works: Work session will be October 3rd.**

1. Update on current handicap parking spaces and adding more. Nancy Upmeyer is working on this effort and was not present for the meeting.
2. Update on visible and active Pastoral Council. –June will be purchasing magnetic name tags for all Pastoral Council members. Photos were taken before tonights meeting that will be posted somewhere in the church entrance.
3. Update on open Forum guidelines for business meetings. – Mark presented forum rules from Solon school board to be used as a possible template. Would need to limit time at meeting, individuals only, must submit ahead of time their topic. Commission heads should be bringing information to the Pastoral Council but parish members are always welcome.
4. Hope House Drive- Kathy Hirl heard a presentation from David about the Hope House which provides shelter and occupational planning for individuals and families moving to the area. Need basic toiletries, games and furniture. Consider arranging a drive from St. Mary’s to benefit Hope House.
5. Fr. Tim read a resignation letter from Church Secretary Donna Matthes. She will be retiring effective December 31st, 2016.

**8:20 pm- Summary of the pastoral council meeting.** Work session topics identified.

a. Security cameras in the church

b. Hope House benefit drive

c. Open mic at Pastoral Council meetings

**8:35 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 October 3rd at 6:30pm** in the Adult room.

**8:45 pm-** The meeting was adjourned