

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

August 19, 2024

Opening Prayer: 6:02pm led by Fr. Chris

In Attendance: Matt Patterson, Kathy Pipenhagen, Kent Bell, Mary Calgaro, Stephen Dombrowski, Jen Cunningham, Merrily Pearson **Absent:** Kim Celentano

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Minutes: Kent Bell; Seconded by Merrily Pearson. Merrily created a binder for previous minutes.

Charitable Outreach: Presentation Emmanuel – Kim Chambal. and Hector

- Emmanuel has been suspended. The keys have been returned that were used for their office space. There is approximately \$6,000.00 in the separate Emmanuel account at SMM. Kim Chambal said she will bring the food items for the next two weeks to St. Anne's Church. Both Hector and Kim were trained by SVDP. Fr. Chris said they were a great team. Emmanuel has helped 40 situations at \$15,000.00 for food, clothes, bills and rent. With 50 visited.
- Discussion on how to proceed to restart SVDP. There is nothing in the interim to take care of the significant need at the parish. Estimated that a minimum of 12 volunteers will be needed. They will need SVDP training. Don't know when the next training is scheduled. Need 4 board members. Home visits need to be done in pairs of one woman and one man. Must check for scammers before any help is given. It is a 3–4-day turnaround before help is given. Will need a designated space at SMM for an office to house computer and sensitive information. Will also need support from SMM for the people that will do the work and for fundraising. It is a 40+ hour a week job.
- Merrily motions to investigate restarting a new SVDP conference with 4 officers. Fr. Chris to make preliminary phone call SVDP and make an appeal for volunteer leaders. Matt seconded. All in favor.
- Matt motions that a cohesive statement is to be drafted for Fr. Chris to make announcements, for a full-page announcement in the bulletin to run 2 weeks, and letters to the PLCs. Jen seconded. All in favor.

Updates from the Pastor:

- The sanctuary is fully completed. Photos and video to be done with Nicky for highlighting artwork and explanation.
- The priests have moved into the new rectory. The previous house needs to be fixed up to show in September.
- Staff will be in the office 9:00 – 5:00.

SMM Finance Council Update:

- Three new people added to the Finance Council; Jay P., Mike and Jimmy.
- Website needs update. Bulletin has been revised.
- Plate income is flat. Need to build more income for operational costs. Advised to put money into better returning accounts.

Holy Hour:

- The Pastoral Council to sponsor Holy Hour for LIFE once a quarter. Kathy P. will set up with Ashley.
- The Pastoral Council will take the 11:00am Adoration Sunday hour to be rotated with the members. Matt will set up the schedule.

Pastoral Plan/PLC Updates:

- Merrily reported all have received the new guidelines. At the staff meeting tomorrow will discuss plan. Members of the Pastoral Council to pick their PLC group and join with staff liaison for meetings. Dates and times need to be set.
- Look at the Pastoral Plan and send Fr. Chris corrections and revisions this month (August). Go into Word Doc. For revisions. Instructions sent by Matt. Take out coffee shop.
- At the end of September, it will be put out to the parish.
- 60 people signed up for OCIA

Closing Prayer: 7:57pm led by Fr. Chris

Next Meeting: 6:00pm September 30, 2024
Respectfully submitted, Kathy Pipenhagen, Secretary