

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 12, 2024

**Opening Prayer:** 6:06pm led by Fr. Chris

**In Attendance:** Kim Celentano, Kathy Pipenhagen, Mary Calgaro, Jen Cunningham, Merrily Pearson

Absent: Matt Patterson, Kent Bell and Stephen Dombrowski

**Approval of Minutes:** Amend under Open Forum - add "Revisit pastoral council statutes." Motion to approve Minutes as amended: Jen Cunningham; Seconded by Kim Celentano

**Updates from the Pastor:**

- State of the Parish Address – There was a positive response to the State of the Parish address and the challenge to up the tithing by sacrificing the cost of one \$5.00 cup of coffee per month. Many thanks.

**Parish Construction Update:**

- Rectory purchase: The closing on the property for the new rectory will be between February 16 – 20. The following day will start the renovations. Move in is projected to be at the end of May. The old rectory house will be put on the market when the priests have moved out.
- Two mosaics for the altar and ambo have been shipped. Installation should be in March. The mosaics to go above the archways are to be installed in July.

**Parish Community:**

- Trivia Night –Twenty tables for the evening, with pictures of everyone. Money raised; \$3,520.00 for registration, \$4,000.00 from mulligans and raffles. Total money raised \$7, 742.00 before expenses. Money will go to the building fund.
- Bingo fundraiser for the seminarians is Friday April 5. Early bird registration of \$35.00 ends February 29. Then the price will be \$45.00.
- Friday 16 at 6:00pm starts the Stations of the Cross with Soup dinner afterward. Family formation will host the first one.

**Parish Council Initiatives:**

- By laws – The committee of Jen C., Kent B., and Kathy P., will hold a Zoom meeting to start the discussion. Fr. Chris will review the changes before they are approved by the membership. The revised guidelines are to be approved at the May meeting. Fr. Chris said that Bishop Dolan has new guidelines.
- Merrily P. handed out the current PLC "Parish Life Community" and Ministry list. There was discussion on what staff member should be the liaison to each PLC to meet with them quarterly. Will reach out to staff to confirm which staff member is liaison to each PLC and ministry. They may be invited to report on the status of the programs or ministries. Rosary Making needs funds to help with supplies. Adoration should be a subgroup under Liturgy. It was suggested that the "Guardians" for each hour should be trained in what to do in situations that they may encounter.
- Merrily P. handed out the proposed guidelines for PLC groups. We are to Review them and get back to Merrily on any additions or changes. Each PLC is to write a description of their group to be placed on the parish website and included with a new parishioner packet.
- Facilitator from DoP for May Parish Plan Retreat has been tabled.

**Open Forum:**

- Coffee and donuts have stopped for now. If to continue would like each PLC to pick up a Sunday. That would be a commitment of, at the most, 4x's a year.
- Looking for a new director of Liturgy. A paid position.

**Closing Prayer:** 7:20pm led by Fr. Chris

**Next Meeting:** 6:00pm March 18, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Pipenhagen, Secretary