

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**November 12, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Mark, Martha Cucco, Millie McCormick, Terrie Mess, Marianne Weber, Gene Bulla, Kathie Murray, Dave Bergsma and Lois Maywald. Millie called the meeting to order at 6:30, followed by the Opening Prayer by Fr. Mark. The agenda was approved with two additions.

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Gene seconded and the minutes were approved.

**FATHER MARK'S REPORT:** Fr. Mark passed out a report from the Archdiocese showing the number of priests in the Archdiocese. The Milwaukee archdiocese has 290 active and retired priests. Millie told us that a couple wants to buy a statue of St. Michael the Archangel to donate to the church. Fr. Mark said they need to have the approval of Prayer and Worship before going ahead with the purchase. Millie also mentioned that the Women of Christ have the movie "Unplanned" and will give us a copy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Disciple Maker Survey:** Fr. Mark needs the suggestion of names of people to promote the survey and organize dates by December 1. The survey will come out the second week of Lent, which is the second week of March.

**Second Collection for Hurricane Victims:** No application has been submitted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fall Festival:** Millie reported that everyone did a great job! The rain turned out to be a plus. A meeting has been held to discuss plans for next year.

**Rectory Committee:** Kathy said the contractor has two weeks work left on the porch. It was mentioned that the Cream City bricks are very valuable.

**Campus Safety and Security Committee:** Dave brought in a report on their progress. Security fencing has been approved and installation is tentative for year's end. New doors have been ordered where needed. New cameras have been specified. Ken Etten has been engaged in the drawing process to relocate the principal's office. A student lockdown drill was conducted. Usher and choir security training has been postponed until January. Hand held radios are working well. Maureen Redmer has inquired about Information Security.

**Discussion on Altar Servers and Ushers:** There was comment about ushers going up for second collections during Consecration. It was suggested that the priests wait until the collection is done. We could also move the second collection to during the petitions. A suggestion was also made to have captains of the various groups that help with mass, such as the ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of

Communion, servers, etc. who could help train and encourage volunteers to attend the masses they are scheduled to serve.

**“Know Your Neighbor” Community Bulletin:** There is a liability issue of advertising people to do work at someone’s home. Kathy said this is something to think about and pray about and we can discuss it again at the January meeting.

**Trustee Secretary:** Martha discussed the Reverse Raffle. Since the people who work on this will be gone during that time, she asked if we would accept having the raffle on a day other than St. Francis Day. There was discussion of having it at other times and possibly combining it with Italian Night. Fr. Mark suggested June 16, which is the date the new priest will start. Martha also said they will again send out Christmas Cards. Millie asked if Fr. Mark will again do the radio announcements this year. She will find out if the cost has changed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Faith Formation:** Marianne reported that Mike Deane said the curriculum for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade is really good. Ninth grade students are doing a discussion on the gospels and understanding the mass. She discussed the celebration of Catholic Schools Week and mentioned that they are working on the date for Arise for 2020.

**Human Concerns:** They have \$8000 in their account. They plan to give \$2000 to the food pantry for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. Pregnancy Helpline wants gas cards. We discussed having a tree with cards or ornaments giving suggestions for items to be bought and telling how much they cost. People who donate would put the money for the item in the envelope. The coat collection is going well. Kathy said the Women of Christ are talking about having a prayer for vocations before or during mass.

Millie mentioned that we will be having a Holiday Social at St. Ben’s with their council on December 10. We will have heavy appetizers, wine and desserts. We will invite the priests and staff members. It was suggested that we also invite the senior priests who help us with masses.

Gene mentioned a problem that has been occurring with Saturday masses in the winter. Ice has been accumulating at the main walkway. This has been discussed and Mik will be addressing this situation.

Father reported that Denis Paquet will be moving and leaving the parish.

Martha said we should all give extra patience to the staff because there have been several changes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gene and seconded by Terrie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald  
Secretary