

# AUGUST 2023 MINUTES

## St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting that took place on Wednesday, August 2, 2023

**Elected members in attendance:** Donna Bodkin, Kevin Sims, Denise Blum, Bill Keuper, Margie King

**Elected members not present:** Kelly Hartwig, Karen Litteral

**Ex officio members in attendance:** Jenni Petrey **Ex officio members not present:** Fr. Jim Wedig

**Recording secretary:** Janice Stentz

### Opening prayer

**June minutes:** Approved

### Parish specific news

- There has been one baptism since the last PC meeting for Felix Louis Kelly.
- There have been two funeral liturgies since the last PC meeting for Al Kling and Kathleen Fleissner.

### Beacons of Light/Family of Parishes news

- The next Family PC meeting will be on Wed., Aug. 16 at St. Bernard church. The meeting will be a tour of their facilities. Donna will send out an email reminder to parish leadership to ensure that St.MM will be well represented at the meeting.
- Fr. Jim has filled all the family committee leadership roles.

### Parish Finances

- The finance report ending the fiscal year on June 30 was presented as well as the first report for the first month of the new fiscal year ended July 31. The Sunday collection amount was over what was budgeted for in the month of July. Hoping this will be a trend.
- The 2023-2024 parish budget will be presented at the next PC meeting.

### Arts & Environment

There was nothing to report.

### Buildings & Grounds:

- Currently assessing the cost to replace the overhead light bulbs in the church with LED. The track lighting in the sanctuary also needs repair or replacement.
- Thanks again to the Ebbelers for their work planting and maintaining the beautiful flower gardens around the parish grounds.
- The need for new lapel microphones used by the priests during Mass was brought up again. Jenni will look into this.

### Communications Committee (CC): Janice reported

- The 2023 Parish Guide Book & Directory has arrived in homes. If anyone has not received a book in the mail, they can contact the parish office to get one.
- The new bulletin design has launched with a color interior. It was suggested that the Mass times for the Spanish language Masses be added if possible.

### Social Committee: Donna reported

- Wilma's retirement reception went very well and was well attended. There was just enough cake for everyone.
- It was officially decided that the parish picnic that was on the social calendar for summer would not take place this year. The parish Celebrate St.MM dinner will be the next large parish gathering taking place on Sat., Oct 14. The Mega Split-the-Pot winner will be drawn at the dinner.
- Reminder that St.MM parishioners are invited to attend St. Ann's annual parish picnic at Stricker's Grove this Fri., Aug. 4.
- Denise asked if there could be a Saturday evening counterpart to the Donut Sundays that have been taking place after the 10 a.m. Masses. She suggested wine and cheese in the HFR. Denise will organize this to take place after the 3 p.m. Mass on Sept. 9. Donuts Sunday will be on Sept. 3. There was discussion about alternating months for budgeting.

**New business – Walking with Moms spiritual adoption program**

The parish has been asked to help launch this program at St. MM on the weekend of Aug. 12-13. Volunteers are needed to help hand out adoption pledge cards and to stand at the doors after each Mass with a basket for attendees to drop off their pledge cards as they leave Mass. The prayer program will run for nine months and ends on Mother's Day weekend. More information will be provided. A few names were suggested as possible volunteers at each Mass and Jenni will contact those people to ask for their help.

**New business – Mega Split-the-Pot Raffle**

It was decided that the next Mega Split-the-Pot raffle drawing will take place at the Celebrate St. MM dinner on Oct. 14. The artwork for the tickets is ready to be printed and will then be mailed with a letter of explanation to all parish households within the next couple of weeks.

**New business - Celebrate St.MM Weekend**

The annual parishioner celebration dinner will be taking place on Sat., Oct. 14. More details will be coming as plans are set. Dinner will be provided. The Mega Split-the-Pot raffle winner will be drawn during the dinner. Diana Johansing will be asked if she will make some baskets for a raffle at the dinner.

**New business - Heritage Room Open House**

Janice reported that there is interest in having the Heritage Room open again. She will work with the team of host/hostesses and get a date on the calendar soon so it can be advertised well in advance. This will be the first general open house in almost a year so the goal will be to get the word out as far and wide as possible.

**Closing Prayer**

**Next PC meeting:** Wed. Sept. 6 at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz