

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
October 6, 2016

Participants: Father Tom Bolte, Jeanie Bates, Angie Cecil, Bob Hartings, Becky Hewitt, Reva Holtvogt, Steve Kalmar, Kris Lee, Barb Lemmer, Cathy Oda, Gretchen Roeth, Sharon Semanie, Don Stonerock and Tony Wendeln
Excused: Jim Stammen and Margie Wallace
Guests: Judy Lohnes and Linda Richard

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Angie Cecil. Fr. Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.

Kris Lee moved to accept the September minutes with one correction. Bob Hartings seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Fr. Tom read a memorandum of understanding in regards to salary payments to Erin Grant. The memorandum (#5) now reads that 35% of Erin's salary will be paid by St. Pat and 65% by Piqua Catholic.

Judy Lohnes showed a sample of a calendar that she has created to show all parish activities on a monthly basis. The calendar will be available on the parish websites and will also be available in each church at the beginning of the month. Calendar dates for activities can be submitted to Judy by calling the parish office or e-mailing her.

Tony Wendeln reported that parish revenues are down, but that expenses are also down and we are ahead of where we were projected to be at this time of year. Speakers will be at all masses the week-end of Oct. 16-17 which is designated as Stewardship Sunday.

Reva Holtvogt had samples of the ornaments she and Bill have made using some of the stained glass from church windows. The small stars and snowflakes will sell for \$5 each and the large snowflake will be \$10. Order blanks will be in the bulletin at the end of October. Half of the profit from the sale of the ornaments will go to the Mission Commission and the other half to the Adopt a Student Program.

Bob Hartings discussed a suggestion for recognizing those who have given for parish projects throughout the years. A drawing of the idea was presented and when completed will be displayed on the south side of the church near the baptismal font. The committee is working with Mary Teach, Hemm's Glass and Michael and Ann to create the design for the framed recognition. Ideas were shared and Pastoral Council accepted a motion by Bob Hartings and seconded by Gretchen Roeth to allocate \$1500 to complete the project for the recognition wall and also purchase brass signage to recognize donors for individual windows and the doors.

Jeanie Bates reported that she is awaiting a hard copy of the church directory from LifeTouch in order to do final proofreading. She hopes they will be ready for distribution before Thanksgiving.

Sr. Mary Alice's 50th jubilee celebration will be October 9 with Mass at 3 p.m. followed by a carry-in in the school cafeteria.

Fr. Bolte also read a proposal from the Archdiocese regarding tuition assistance to parish staff members and Piqua Catholic School employees for their children attending Catholic schools. He was asked to get information from Holy Angels, Lehman Catholic and St. Pat's to present at the next meeting before any recommendation will be taken on this plan.

Pastoral Council will not meet Dec. 1 because of a conflict for several Council members. Instead the group will meet January 5, 2017.

Angie Cecil closed the meeting with prayer.

Written reports were also submitted by The Center for Early Learning, Adult Faith Formation, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, Worship Commission and the report showing all bank account totals for St. Mary Parish groups.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, at 7 p.m. in PMR1