

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
ST. MARY CHURCH – CARLYLE  
6PM Tuesday May 9, 2023**

1. Father George began the meeting with a prayer.
2. Roll call was taken privately by secretary. In attendance were Father George, John Zieren, Ellen Knolhoff, Gerard Luebbers, Ed Kleber, Kevin Frank, Jane Beckmann, Barb Cardwell, Larry Peppenhorst, Chad Holthaus, Brenda Knolhoff and Macie Osborn (all council members were present).
3. Also attending for the initial part of the meeting were the Parish Council Members from St. Teresa Marydale. They reported that all is going well there.

Father discussed possible Mass schedules for the two Parishes that could occur in the future due to the shortage of priests, age of active priests and retirements.

Father has been and will continue to anoint members of St. Teresa as needed.

St. Teresa Council members were then dismissed and went on to hold their own meeting in the cafeteria. The next joint council meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023 at 6PM.

4. Minutes of our last meeting from March were approved.

5. Committee Reports

**Administration**

It was appreciated that three members from Diekemper Excavating took time to come to the meeting to discuss options for the Matthew 25 parking lot. Once the lot is dug up and graded it will be oiled and chipped by Anderson.

Different methods for drainage for the lot were discussed.

Gerard and Larry presented ideas concerning the north doors of the building (which are currently recessed) and the possible need for an

interior steel frame ramp and hand rails. Decisions on what approach to take were not made during this meeting.

Randy Foster picked up materials to fix potholes on the church parking lot which he will work on after the new roof is completed. Roofing Force should complete the work on the church roof and steeple the week of May 15, weather permitting.

Mike Youngblood (Roofing Force Project Manager) was asked to attend the meeting to discuss replacement of the sacristy roof which was not part of the contract. After a lengthy discussion Mike was asked to submit a fair proposal for that part of the job.

### **Cemetery**

Gerard reported that St. Mary and Carlyle Township will work jointly on oiling and chipping cemetery roads in July.

Gerard gave kudos to Ron Holevoet and Paul Schmeink who leveled and seeded areas of our cemetery.

Father said thanks to their efforts and the work Randy Foster does, our cemetery looks great!

### **Social Outreach**

Jane said bingo for the residents at the Healthcare Center will resume in the near future.

Cosgrove's Kitchen might be resurrected this year. Skeets Dumstorff is looking into this and will report back.

### **Liturgy**

Father reported that First Communion and Confirmation both went very well.

### **Faith Formation**

Ellen made her final report at this meeting and was given a round of applause for her hard work and dedication during her tenure as DRE. For First Communion there were 17 children including 6 from ASA. 13 received the sacrament of Confirmation including 3 from ASA. Students assisted at a Mass of Thanksgiving on May 10 which closed out the school year.

The High School graduate recognition Mass will be on May 21 at 10AM.

Ellen praised the efforts of our catechists and support staff who be honored at an appreciation dinner on May 17.

Vacation bible school is set for June 12 – 16.

### **Youth Ministry**

Tiffany reported that the youth ministry members have had a great year and she is enjoying her time as the YM leader.

The members assisted with the Easter egg hunt which was a huge success. Thanks to the Catholic Holy Family Society for their donation of new plastic eggs, candy and other prizes.

Plans are in place to play co-ed softball this summer along with a trip to Holiday World in June.

### **Social Recreation**

Barb reported that Ellen's farewell party went well.

### **Finance Committee**

CRS Rice Bowls netted \$4887.06, \$800 of which was given to the Caring for Kids program at the First United Methodist Church. The Council reviewed a summary of our current finances. The committee is checking to see what options we might have on securing a higher interest rate on our funds. Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023.

### **6. Old Business**

The tree on the church lot came from Germany and is reported to be the last one of its kind so it was decided to leave it for the time being. A motion was carried to proceed with samples of engraved slates from the old church roof.

### **7. New Business**

Next meeting will be Tuesday August 8 at 6PM.

### **8. Pastor Comments**

Father provided some great news:

Duane has agreed remain as our music director and organist for another year!

The search has begun for a new DRE to replace Ellen.

**Father stressed the importance of all committees meeting on a regular basis.**

**9. Father closed the meeting by leading us in the Glory Be.**

**The meeting was adjourned around 7:45PM.**

**Minutes taken by Kevin Frank**