

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
ST. MARY CHURCH – CARLYLE
6PM Tuesday August 8, 2023

1. Gerard called the meeting to order then Father George led us in prayer.
2. Roll call was taken privately by secretary. In attendance were Father George, John Zieren, Gerard Luebbers, Kevin Frank, Jane Beckmann, Barb Cardwell, Larry Peppenhorst, Brenda Knolhoff and Macie Osborne.
Ed Kleber and Chad Holthaus were absent (vacation)
3. Minutes of our last meeting on May 9, 2023 were approved.
4. Committee Reports

Administration

Larry enlisted Scott Rakers to lend his expertise to check out drainage on the parish center building. Along with Randy, they looked at the water flow from the downspouts and where they drain to.

Larry also brought in Dennis Rudolphi from Mideastern to check out the drain in the low area outside the north door of the building. It was determined that a slightly larger drain will fit and is needed along with a canopy over that area to keep the rain water away from that recessed area.

Larry is reaching out to contractors to repair the former playground so it can better serve as parking lot for Matthew 25. The hope is to still have the work completed this Fall.

Cemetery

Gerard reported that the parish portion of the cemetery road should be oiled and chipped in September or October.

Social Outreach

Brenda reported that the last meeting was held on May 16.

A bingo, cake and ice cream social at the Carlyle Healthcare center was held on June 14. The committee provided food and drinks and some of the members donated gifts for the bingo winners.

The clothing drive held in March was a huge success.

There is a possibility that parishioners might be able to once again make casseroles in their own kitchens and donate them directly to St. Vincent DePaul.

The committee also has the giving tree on their agenda as they look ahead to Christmas.

New ideas for other types of social outreach would be welcomed by the committee.

Liturgy

All liturgical events have taken place as scheduled.

Faith Formation

We welcome Tracy Becker to the position of Director over our youth and family faith formation!

Macie reported that the committee has been meeting to prepare for the year. Registration will take place on September 6 and classes will begin on September 13. Textbooks have been ordered.

Since religious education starts at home, more involvement by parents will be part of the curriculum.

Youth Ministry

No report

Social Recreation

Barb reported that the party for Tiffany went well.

Kudos to the Ladies Sodality for their hard work on this.

The parish picnic is tentatively set for Sunday September 17.

Finance Committee

A detailed report on assets and investments was distributed to the council members.

5. Old Business

With the church roof project completed, next up is brickwork to be done by Warnecke Restoration this Fall.

The Katherine Kasper statue remains in storage but is still slated to eventually head to Mater Dei.

The old tree east of the church needs a little work to hopefully keep it upright for a few more years.

6. New Business

Council by-laws currently state that 8 of 9 members are needed for a quorum. At the next meeting the council will discuss approving online voting and/or changing the quorum from 8 to 7.

Jane showed the council samples of slates from the old roof that had been engraved. A limited supply of roughly 200 slates will be available for purchase in the near future.

7. Pastor Comments

Judie Kuper resigned her position as parish secretary. Her replacement was under consideration at the time the council met. Mass schedules at St Mary and St. Teresa will remain as is.

8. Adjournment/Closing Prayer

We prayed the Glory Be to close out the meeting which was adjourned around 7:45PM.

Minutes taken by Kevin Frank, Secretary