

St. James Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
April 13, 2016

Present: Paul Stevens, Steve Choate, Kim Boho, Emelie Klein, Ellen Allen, Chris Lodl, Valerie Ehr, John Swanson, Julie Kramlich, Julie Kabitzke, Tom Zagorski, Father Mike, Gerry Wolf, Jill Lehnen – new member

Excused: Pat Buehler, Mike Wendelberger

Special Guests: Brigitte Glinski, Terri Weber, Dave Hart, Barb Vite

- A. Started – 7:00PM
- B. Approval of Minutes- the March minutes were approved as submitted
- C. Opening Prayer – all
- D. Outside Fundraising Discussion – We were blessed by having Barb Vite - Director of Parish Stewardship for the Milwaukee Archdioceses. She gave the Council great information on how to build the financial stewardship in our parish. She first mentioned that we should review our current fundraising activities. All activities that create “community” should be kept. All activities that do not create community, should be reviewed and possibly eliminated. She then explained that we need to develop a holistic approach to stewardship. We need to find programs that are substantive, sustainable and cause change. She outlined an “enhanced offertory” program that would last from 6-10 weeks and has been shown to significantly grow weekly parish contributions. The program contains several parish educational elements such as the explanation of giving; loyalty to a cause; that giving is a ministry to help build the Kingdom. The Council will discuss this in more detail during the May Meeting and will make their recommendation to the Staff about what the parish should do next. “Thanks” to Barb for coming out to speak to our Council.
- E. Staff Update – Brigitte Glinski – Parish Nurse – Brigitte shared her background with the Council. She explained her role in our parish. She is:
 - a. Parish Health Councilor
 - b. Health Advocate
 - c. Leads Prayers at the homes of homebound parishioners
 - d. Conducts blood pressure screenings, and other preventive health outreaches.
 - e. Oversees the Prayer Shaw creationWe appreciate Brigitte’s passion and dedication to our parish.
- F. Pastor’s Report – Father Mike spoke more about Barb Vite’s discussion.
- G. Committee Reports – Activities – Emilie indicated that we have three people to run/chair the Holly Days.
- H. Chair Report – None
- I. Co-Chair Report – None
- J. Old Business-
 - a. Mass Survey – we reviewed the results of the parishioner mass survey. We had over 1,000 responses. Each Council member gave their opinion to the summer mass schedule. Father Mike took in all of the input and will work with the Staff to come up with a resolution.
 - b. Spring Raffle – the money generated by the Spring Raffle will be used to purchase new door locks and security cameras.
- K. New Business –
 - a. New Council members – we will need one new member for the 2016/2017 Council season.
 - b. All members need to review the Archdioceses website for the most up to date pastoral council role description. We will discuss at next meeting.
 - c. Evangelization – We need to improve it in our parish. We need to reach out to those people who have left our parish. We need to determine why.
- L. **Next meeting – Wednesday May 11th**
- M. Adjournment - at 9:15PM

Minutes submitted by Steve Choate