

St James Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
March 14, 2018

Call to Order: Chair, Pat Buehler, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Dcn. Sandy Sites, Ellie Allen, Terry Brecklin, Pat Buehler, Joe Gonzalez, Ray Gross, Matt Hoffa, Tim Khoury, Jill Lehnen, John Walker.

Excused: David Topp, Paul Stevens.

Gospel Reading and Reflection

Tim Khoury read Matthew 19:23-26. This passage reminds us to place our spiritual life ahead of our accomplishments and quest for material things.

Approval of Minutes.

The February minutes were approved prior to the meeting via the email approval process.

Sunday Night 5:30 Liturgy

- Ad Hoc Committee Report and Recommendation. Tim Khoury summarized the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee and presented the group's recommendation to the Pastoral Council. Following discussion, eight of nine Pastoral Council members recommended (via paper ballot) that Deacon Sandy consider a year-round 5:30 Sunday Liturgy, a liturgy that would be planned and coordinated the same as the other masses by Prayer & Worship. Deacon Sandy will consider the Pastoral Council's recommendation, along with recommendations from other groups. He will inform the council of his decision at the April meeting. Council members applauded the Ad Hoc Committee for their comprehensive report. Thank you to Tim, Jill, Matt and David.

Chair Report – Pat Buehler

- Holy Thursday. Pat reminded Council members to attend the Holy Thursday Mass on March 29 at 7:00 pm.

Parish Director's Report – Deacon Sandy Sites

- Repairers of the Breach - Members of St. James and Good Shepherd will travel to Repairers of the Breach on Holy Thursday morning. Participants will engage in prayer, fellowship and washing of feet. New socks will be provided to the homeless. Pastoral Council members are invited to attend.
- Survey Email – So far, September 22 or September 29 are the preferred dates for 4:30 mass and fellowship with our counterparts at Good Shepherd. Dcn. Sandy will resend the survey link to those who have not responded.
- Archdiocesan Meetings – Please let Dcn. Sandy know if you are interested in representing St. James at either of the following events. He will be selecting 6 representatives from the parish for each event.
 - Amazing Parishes - October 17, 18, 19 (W, Th, F) at the Wisconsin Convention Center. This workshop-style conference is designed to help leadership teams learn how they can work together to best serve parishioners. The event features author Patrick Lencioni and other presenters, including Curtis Martin, Sr. Bethany Madonna, Fr. James Mallon and Fr. Michael White. The conference also provides an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth with daily Mass, confession, and Eucharistic Adoration.
 - Multi-Parish Institute - This is a three-day institute to be held at the Cousins Center in September and November 2018 and January 2019. Dates/times to be announced. The purpose of the institute is to support the work of cluster parishes. Large group sessions will be facilitated by the Fr. Tim Kitzke. Breakout sessions will focus on the following areas: leadership & organization, finances & facilities, worship, evangelization & formation, human concerns, and stewardship.

Finance Council Report – Joe Gonzalez

- Lighting Update – Terri Weber sent out an email with current information on the project. It is unlikely that the work will be completed by Easter.
- Budget – The Finance Council’s goal is to prepare a balanced budget which will be ready for review by June 15th.
- Legacy Fund – Document revisions are in the final stages.

Health Committee Liaison – Ellie Allen

- Cards. 500 Christmas cards were provided to inmates. All cards carried a Christmas greeting rather than one of Happy Holidays or Season’s Greetings. The cards were much appreciated.
- Adoptions. Promoting adoptions continues to be an interest of the committee.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Brecklin
Secretary

Mission Statement

St. James is a vibrant, welcoming Catholic Community journeying towards the fullness of the Kingdom of God through worship, formation and service.