

Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
West Campus, Becker

Agenda

- A. Father Mike opened in prayer around 7:05
- B. Attendees:
 - a. Fr. Mike, Geary Keppel, Jeff Howell, Brenda Ewing, Melissa Dumonceaux, Bonnie DeZelar, Sandi Ferris
 - b. Not able to attend: Vern Jurek, Clay Wilfahrt, Greg Scherber
- C. Edits or approval of previous months minutes:
 - a. February minutes approved via email (no meeting in March).
- D. Parishioner input:
 - a. Questions about youth programs: organization, communication, content. Concerns include how we could better incorporate Catholic teaching and spirituality within the program.
 - b. Fr. Mike will help connect resources and guidance that add value and depth to the youth program.
- E. Ministry Team updates
 - a. Finance:
 - i. Finishing budget, the final numbers expected soon and so far looking positive.
 - ii. Father has been declining a portion of his salary the last few years to “help” the budget.
 - b. Liturgy:
 - i. Easter and penance services were reviewed, for the most part everything went very well.
 - ii. Chalices need to be replaced due to corrosion.
 - iii. Discussion of adjustments for Palm Sunday to improve flow.
 - c. Building and Grounds:
 - i. Did not meet last month
 - ii. The water heater handle was fixed.
 - d. Faith Formation:
 - i. Planning for next season has started.
 - ii. Journey of Faith closing this month.
 - e. Knights:
 - i. 170 attendees at the last breakfast, and they were very generous.
 - f. Strategy (short term)
 - i. Revisited the primary goal of the Pastoral Council, which is to advise the pastor.
- F. Future:
 - a. Need to start the cycle for three new members.

- b. Thoughts of another all committee meeting with the Pastoral council. The last larger meeting was valuable to both council and committees.
 - i. Need to plan a date.
 - ii. Committees should provide a “one pager” summary of their purpose, activities, and plans.
 - iii. Committees should provide in advance the key support they need or decisions required.
 - c. Sept. 7-9: Eucharistic Revival planned for Diocese at Lake George.
 - i. Is there an opportunity for a Parish Retreat? (Guest speaker/program/liturgy)
 - d. Is Tithing a topic that should be communicated to the parish?
- G. Closed in Prayer around 8:30 PM