



Pastoral Council

**Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023
West Campus, Becker**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present
 - a. Father Mike, Ron Dietl, Greg Scherber, Bonnie DeZelar, Brenda Ewing, Vern Jurek, Sandi Ferris
 - b. [Parish Council 2023-24](#)
3. Addition/Adjustments - Approval of Sept Minutes
[Parish Council Minutes Sept 2023](#)
4. Parishioner Input
 - a. No Parishioners Present
5. Ministry Team Updates
 - a. Finance
 - i. Meeting last Tuesday, Oct 17th. Doing well. We are approximately \$10,000 above budget. Fall collection letter going out soon. Fall festival was successful as well.
 - b. Liturgy
 - i. Confirmation coming this weekend. Planning for Advent. Ordering new chalice. Donation from a member from Wayzata going toward the purchase. Ministry training is this Wed (10/25) and Sat (10/28). Last Sat was Eucharistic training from the diocese. Was excellent.
 - ii. Planning for the Christmas season. Christmas is on a Monday this year. There will only be one Sunday mass on the day before Christmas at 9:30 am to allow more time for Christmas Eve masses.
 - iii. Hurleys in Fargo. Christian Book Store. Not purchasing the Chalice through them but is highly recommended as a place to go.
 - c. Building & Grounds
 - i. No meeting. Nothing new. Greg Powers is retiring and moving up north. Ron Dietl will be the Pastoral Council Rep for this committee.
 - d. Faith Formation
 - i. Brenda Ewing will be the Pastoral Council Rep for this committee.

- e. Knights
 - i. Father has asked Andy Oeding asking to be a Rep for this committee
 - f. Hospitality/Special Events
 - i. Greg Sherber will be the Pastoral Council Rep for this committee.
6. New Pastoral Council Member(s)
- a. One vacant position - Would like to have one or two of our youth fill that spot. Father has asked for volunteers. Waiting for a response. Father may go and personally ask for volunteers at an upcoming youth meeting.
7. Youth Involvement
- a. Question from Youth Cohort Father is a part of: How do we get youth involved in ministries? Could possibly have a youth mass where all the ministries are filled by youth. Father is willing to host a mass, perhaps a Wed evening mass. We would need to have commitment from them in order for the mass to happen. We felt it was important to listen to the youth. How can we train them and get commitment from them?
8. Building Needs
- a. There is a fund in the budget for capital improvements that can be used as needed. The roof at Becker is a priority. The windows (skylights) will be removed when the roof is fixed.
9. Pastoral Council Meeting Schedule
- a. Every Fourth Tuesday
 - b. No Dec and July Meetings.
 - c. Becker Campus at 7 pm
10. Closing Prayer

NEXT meeting: November 28th at 7:00 pm – Becker Campus