



Stella Maris Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 5, 2016
Baileys Harbor

- **Call to Order:** Michelle Piatek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- **Members Present:** Michelle Piatek, Sharon Brabson-Secretary Trustee, Paul Liss, Bart Ahern, Rev Dave Ruby, Mark Kunstman, Christopher Andersen and Ann Rose.

Check-In: All shared their personal experiences and wellbeing of the present.

- **Mission Statement:** Read by all in attendance
- **Vision Statement:** Read by all in attendance
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on December 5, 2015 were approved as distributed.
- **Review of Agenda:** Mark added two items under Coming Events: Mens Day of Renewal on May 19 and the Womens morning of reflection for all women of the parish, hosted by CRHP
- **Opening Prayer**

Discussion Items:

Discussion on Leadership Training offered by Evangelical Catholic All reviewed the website www.evangelicalcatholic.org Overall discussion was about how this might be different from what we are already doing with small groups. Father Dave also forwarded a letter from the group which explained in more detail what the outcomes of the training include. An offer from them was made to attend a session and explain in more detail how they could be of value. The Council agreed to invite them to a meeting for more information. Mark suggested we include the Faith Formation Team and all aged.

Pastoral Council Membership We are in need of individuals to join the Council. In particular we would like individuals who are good communicators and leaders and can represent Stewardship (Doug's term is ending this year), Parish Life and Social Justice. There is also a few spaces for members at large. All are asked to prayerfully consider and recommend members. Sharon will contact Julie Kudcik and Alice Stollenwerk. Michelle will contact Connie Brandt. All should think about our membership needs.

Communication:

Welcome Brochure to New Parishioners Sharon stated this will be completed for our Stewardship Drive with a goal of getting it printed by May 1 and completed by June 1.

CRHP The new team consists of 10 dedicated women. This year has been more challenging than most as so many remain out of town for the season. The 2016 agenda has been set and Meetings will commence two months in May.

Carillon Bells – Mark Kunstman explained \$2000 has been collected to date. Work will not begin until the total amount of \$4000 is in hand. The company providing this update is willing to provide a 30 day implementation of the bells so parishioners and others can hear them, perhaps leading to more donations. Father Dave expressed concern this could end up costing us money. Mark said he would get a written agreement it was a 30 day trial at no expense to us. Father Dave retained some reservation but agreed to go along with the consensus of the rest of the Council for the trial with the stipulation it does not cost the parish. Father also expressed concern about other sites not having bells. The Sister Bay site was previously approved pending fund raising but this is an issue which should continue to be explored.

Sign Lighting The Sister Bay and Fish Creek site signs do not have lighting on the signs. Consensus was to have the Finance Council put the lighting on the agenda. Father's anxious to bring all sites in line and this was approved by the Finance Council. Fish Creek is cared for. Sister Bay is a bigger challenge as there is no power to the sign and it would be very expensive to dig ground and provide cable. Solar is somewhat ineffective and would detract from the sign. Options are still being explored.

Commissions and Leadership Values The Leadership Team will be meeting this week to firm up a process for sharing our mission, vision and values with the commissions and committees in the upcoming months.

Action Items:

Church Announcement Guidelines Bart distributed a draft of the guidelines for weekend announcements. Discussion ensued especially regarding the length of the announcement if there was to be a witness talk or other need. Also there will be occasions when a particular event may require an earlier announcement than the week it is scheduled to ask people to consider joining us and getting it on the calendar and then once again the week leading to the event i.e. CRHP. Bart did a thorough and effective job and will make these edits. Michelle will then distribute to the Commissions for follow up.

Faith Formation Commission: Mark shared that six small groups took the Lenten journey together. Groups were encouraged to continue at least monthly following Easter. The Adult Faith Formation Committee will continue to look for material for these groups. Deacon Dave is planning to start a married Couples program to run in September through late November. Youth Faith Formation continues to be a vibrant offering and this year has successfully worked to get parents more involved.

Updates:

Worship The Triduum went well and beautiful Easter celebrations were well attended.

Stewardship The annual drive for time, talent and treasure will begin on Fathers Day weekend.

Parish Life The Stella Maris CCW now has all of its Leadership Roles filled and is working on a schedule for next year's meetings which will be held through the summer when so many of our members return.

Youth Representative Toffer shared his experience on a mission trip to Guatemala during his spring break. It was a great experience and one which he hopes to do again. It was hard work building homes and distributing food but also very rewarding.

Coming Events:

- Leadership Planning Session Sister Bay, Wednesday April 6, 2016
- First Holy Communion Sister Bay, Sunday April 24, 2016
- Stella Maris Fest Day Celebration, Sister Bay Wednesday May 4, 2016
- Diocesan Spring Leadership Gathering Green Bay Tuesday May 10, 2016
- Father Dave's 25th Anniversary Celebration Sister Bay Sunday May 15, 2016

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 14, 2016

Meeting Evaluation: Overall positive. Some conflict in discussion, felt it was good all opinions could be heard and consensus reached.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting closed with an Our Father followed by adjournment at 7:50PM

Submitted by: Sharon Brabson