

## Stella Maris Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018

**Members Present:** Paul Liss-chair, Father Dave Ruby, Sharon Brabson, Ann Rose, Mark Kunstman, Mary Gomoll, Doug Von Vorous, Jan Liss

**Opening –** The group opened with reading scripture Matthew 6:25-34, reflection and prayer.

1. Discipleship Steering Committee - Jan explained the Alpha video series and the Diocese plan for rollout with all parishes. The initial plan for Stella Maris is for Linda Cumber to facilitate the course with staff beginning in February and Sharon, Mark and Jan will plan to begin a course for the Leadership team, committee/commission chairs and members in late April- early May. It was suggested to have two courses run concurrently but begin them 1 week apart to enable folks to make up a session if they are gone for a week. Would also plan for the two sessions to be held at two different sites. Jan will prepare an invitation email draft for Sharon and Mark to approve prior to emailing to all committee chairs, committee members and the leadership team strongly encouraging their participation.

Sponsoring a mission possibly put on by the Seinna Institute is being looked into. It was suggested that we could consider collaborating with a Sturgeon Bay church to defray cost.

Will continue to pursue having one witness speaker each month to aid in furthering our "break the silence" value and discipleship.

It was discussed that it is difficult to have measurable goals for impact from homily series, the witness speakers, our guiding values etc. Other comments: there is no end point, this is a continual journey; we may be able to "plant and water but not see the blooming". In a conversation following the meeting it was felt that a possible way to measure would be evaluating progress on each of our values. Could also ask committees to rate themselves and their committee, in how they are practicing the values.

2. Father Dave's Thoughts and Updates - Father reported there is a very promising applicant for the Worship/Music Minister position who will be coming to DC for an interview next week.

A decision on the roof at Baileys Harbor is still being decided by the Finance Council.

We are happy to have new catechist. The endowment is moving forward. Revamping the Buildings and Grounds committee should begin soon. Jim Charles is working out well in the maintenance position. Work on decluttering the entry ways at J and EH should be complete when those sites reopen. Entry work will continue then on the other sites.

3. New Operating Guidelines for Pastoral Council- The draft of the revised Pastoral Council guidelines was reviewed and approved with a few small changes. An addition that Father asked for is in the last paragraph, referring to the annual meeting, that the annual meeting should be called "by Oct. 1".

4. Pastoral Council Formation- Paul will email the Leadership Team soon asking their interest to continue on the Pastoral Council and also ask for names of other potential Council members, asking for a reply by mid-February. Going forward to inviting parishioners, it will be helpful to have a list of qualities for what we are looking for. A first task for the new Council may be establishing a long range plan for communication.

The meeting ended with the Stella Maris Prayer.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 12 at 1 PM at the Sister Bay site. On the agenda will be recruitment timeline for new members of the Pastoral Council.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss