

“Unofficial Minutes - Post”

Ave Maria Parish Council October 8th, 2024 ST. Mary 6:33PM

Members present:

Sister Maria Inviolata _X_ Bill Gray _X_ John Siwicki _X_ Tom Jackson _X_ Mary Ann Castle _X_ Marg Filipiak _X_ John Kane _X_ Rose Lilly _X_ Brad Yocca _X_ Ray Mach _X_

A: Opening Prayer – led by Sr. Maria Inviolata

B: Approval of proposed agenda - Motion Bill Gray - Carried

C: Approve Meeting Minutes Motion Rose Lilly , Second Brad Yocca - Carried

D: Commission Reports

Christian Service – Marge Fillipiak: Christmas Boutique preparations - Nov. 9th event at St. Mary’s, Port Sanilac. A blood drive has been scheduled for Oct 22nd. Rose Lilly added information regarding The giving tree event.

Evangelization – Marge Fillipiak

Bishop Gruss visited Ave Maria Parish on Monday, October 7th. Advent Tea will be held at St. Mary’s, December 2nd beginning at 2pm.

Worship – – Bill Gray no report at this meeting

Finance – Mary Ann Castle:

1)St. Mary Parking Lot, Aztec has been awarded the bid, no start date as of today

2)Replace the main entrance awning at the SM parish center and add smaller awning over East door. This project is on HOLD pending contractors availability for installation

3)The AC has been repaired at the rectory.

4) The Bell from St Pat’s has been installed at the cemetery in Croswell.

.John Swicki reported that a metal railing is loose at St. Denis. To Be Repaired

E: Old Business: The Strategic Plan is located at: <https://avemariaparishmi.org/images/PDF/2017-2019-ave-maria-parish-strategic-plan.pdf>

Goal #1 – Provide Faith-Filled Services: MaryAnn Castle & Rose Lilly - Reported on Women’s retreat at St. Paul of the Cross, 23333 Schoolcraft Road Detroit, Phone: (313) 535-9563 Email: info@stpaulretreat.org The dates of the retreat

for women are: October 25-27th. Ave Maria parish plans to have 11 attendees for the women's retreat weekend.

A Men's retreat weekend is scheduled for Nov. 1-3. A pre-register fee is \$30.00 For additional information contact Rose Lilly, lillytad310@gmail.com

Goal #2 – Create & Maintain a Sense of Belonging: Ray Mach asked about parish strategic plan and was directed to the parish website. (See above **Old Business**) Ray suggested training for ushers to reach out to parishioners, feeling this would enhance a sense of community.

Ray Mach and John Kane are the team leaders for Goal #2.

Goal #3 – Create Environment That Fosters Desire To Participate: Bill Gray/Nancy Appel: No report was offered at this meeting.

Goal #4 – Help Our Parish Grow & Evolve: John Siwicki/Tom Jackson/ Brad Yocca: .Brad discussed the vision of the Synod information and the importance of accomplishing the suggestions offered by the Parishioners. Brad pointed our completed items. An example is the improved sound system at St. Mary. .Tom motioned: posting the parish council minutes. The minutes would be available online and in hard copy for parishioners to review. Located in both churches at the doors, this would include a form to submit questions/input to the parish council. Copies could be available at the church entrances. Suggestion: Place info. in bulletin. Motion Tom Jackson, 2nd Rose Lilly - carried.

Updates

1) Lexington Community in Unity (LCU) A pie social is upcoming October 23rd. It will be held at Trinity Episcopal, Lexington 1 - 3pm. it's free! And, in addition to good pie, the event arrangers intend that good fellowship will occur.

(2) Christ's Mission Appeal – We achieved the diocesan goal for 2023-2024. New goal for 2024-2025 \$71,659.

(3)On-line survey/questions for council our social media sites/facebook - "Ongoing"

(4) Parish property on east side of M-25 Some inquires, lookers, but no offers.

F. New Business:

John Swicki: Attended a diocesan workshop: The Rescue Project: He reported the program aligns with our parish Synod response, growing the church. Rescue Project includes videos to discuss the importance of growing the church. The program's eight sessions will be offered at Ave Maria Parish. Details, TBA.

Tom Jackson motioned that the Parish council should meet more frequently. Discussion followed.

Rose Lily: Motioned to meet every other month. Seconded: Ray Mach.

This motion passed with the following conditions:

This would begin in January 2025. Meetings would be completed in 1 hour.

G: Upcoming Events: Sister Maria:

10/17 - AED training at St. Mary. Port Sanilac, 1 PM

10/22 - AED training at St. Denis. Lexington, 6 PM

10/31 - reg. Thur. Mass + 4 pm Vigil Mass, St D

11/1 - Reg. Fri + 6 pm Mass, St Mary, All invited to dress as Saints and process in.

11/2 - 9 am Mass St D, Holy Souls + 4 pm Mass w/ deceaseds' candles

11/9 - Christmas Boutique St M.

11/23 - Ubly, Liturgical Minister Workshop, 9-noon

12/2 Advent Tea, St M

12/7 Christmas Boutique, St D

12/15 - 3 pm Christmas concert St M, vocal

12/24 - 4 pm St D & 6:30 pm St M - Mass w/ carols ½ hr before.

12/25 - 10:30 am St D

12/31 - no 10 am Mass but 4 pm Mass St M

1/1 - 10 am Mass St D

1/12 - Volunteer Lunch

1/13-2/13 - Fr Bala in India

H: Roundtable:

1) Tom Jackson: Our sisters agreed to sing Christmas Carols at the Port Sanilac Christmas tree lighting and the Sanilac County Museum Village on November 30th. at 5PM.