



Ave Maria Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Time: Began at 6:30pm

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Location: St. Mary, Port Sanilac, Mi.

Members Present: Father Donald Eppenbrock, Sister Maria Inviolata, Marge Filipiak, Steve Schneider, Wayne Salowicz, Craig Taylor, Tom Belanger, Ron Celeskey, Patty Rusesky, Dina Wurmlinger, and Tom Goniwiecha.

Members Absent: Donna LaRose(ex), JoAnn Martenka(ex), Kathy Solar(ex).

Minutes Taken By: Dina Wurmlinger.

A. Opening Prayer - **Father Eppenbrock.**

B. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (from October) - **All**

Steve Schneider motioned, **Patty Rusesky** seconded.

C. Review Prior Meeting Action Items (from October) - **All**

PRIOR MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Sister Maria** to provide Parish Council members with a list of inactive Parishioners. **Incomplete.**

Sister Maria passed out lists of inactive members - global, Sunday visitors, & Parish directory. We then discussed reaching out to those on the lists. Much was discussed, and a "what to do" decision was reached. The decision was to send those on the list(s) a cleverly designed and worded postcard.

ACTION ITEM: Sister Maria to design and word the postcard, and have the secretaries mail them.

Also, during the above discussion it was noted that we should consider a "monthly" youth mass which has apparently been very successful at another parish.

- 2. Sister Maria & Tom Goniwiecha** to meet offline to review the remainder of our Strategic Plan regarding our decision on Evangelization. **Complete.**

D. Strategic Plan - Review - **All**

- 1.** Decide how to address some of the remaining open strategies/action items within our plan.



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Much discussion took place regarding community outreach. A question was asked about how many people use the "**My Parish App**"... no one was sure. However, the next morning **Sister Maria** provided this information: We have 96 users; Our FB page has 184 likes and 10 followers, with lots of activity this past weekend.

It was also discussed how having email addresses & mobile phone numbers could make communication with all much more timely. It was decided to make an announcement at Mass to request email addresses & mobile phone numbers via a card similar to a postcard.

ACTION ITEM: Steve Schneider to design the card and get it to Sister Maria for approval.

A strategic plan goal in goal #3 regarding a "team oriented environment" was determined to be very similar to an item in goal #2 regarding "maintaining a parishioner sense of belonging", and should be merged.

ACTION ITEM: Tom Goniwiecha to edit and merge.

Goal #4.C - "expand support for the alter server ministry" was deemed complete.

ACTION ITEM: Tom Goniwiecha to mark as complete.

Goal #4.D - "document what gifts lay people possess". After much discussion, it was determined that the best way to accomplish this objective was to implement a plan at the next Ave Maria "Photo Shoot". Collect email addresses, cell phone numbers, and skill sets. The last Photo Shoot took place in 2013 - 2014.

ACTION ITEM: Sister Maria to determine if it can be done yet this year, or wait until 2019. For sure it must be accomplished before Parishioners exit this area for winter. A day after this meeting Sister Maria provided the following information: After discussing this with the Secretaries they thought this fall was too soon for planning a Pictorial Directory. Their plan - June, 2019. **COMPLETE**

Goal #5 - "measure the quality & quantity of our efforts". After some discussion, it was decided to remove this item from our strategic plan due to no good ideas about how to implement this goal.

ACTION ITEM: Tom Goniwiecha to remove.



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E. Parish Council Member Expirations - Who is leaving/staying? - **All**

Steve Schneider - Yes.

Dina Wurmlinger - Yes.

Kathy Solar - Yes.

Patty Rusesky - Yes.

F. Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, 07/17/2018 6:30pm St. Denis - **All**

G. Roundtable - **All**

Craig Taylor - What is the status of St. Mary land use? **Sister Maria** replied that the interested party has not put it in writing.

Tom Goniwiecha - reminded those Parish Council members who indicated that they were going to stay on board for a second term that the term actually begins in October of 2018 for the year of 2019. He also questioned whether or not meeting quarterly was going to be sufficient to keep the Parish Council focused. After a short discussion, it was indicated that quarterly should work as long as we did not wait a full 3 months to meet after a quarterly meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

H. Closing Prayer - **Sister Maria Inviolata**

I. Adjourned - 7:40pm - **All**