



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Time: Began at 6:30pm

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Location: St. Denis Center, Port Sanilac, Mi.

Members Present: Father Donald Eppenbrock, Sister Maria Inviolata, Diane Kautz, Donna LaRose, Marge Filipiak, JoAnn Martenka, Steve Schneider, Dina Wurmlinger, Kathy Solar, Patty Rusesky, Marc McEachern, and Tom Goniwiecha.

Members Absent: Todd Jones (ex), Mark Stencil (ex).

Minutes Taken By: Diane Kautz

AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) **Opening Prayer** – Led by Father Eppenbrock.
- b) **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** - motioned by Steve Schneider & Marge Filipiak; seconded by Donna LaRose.
- c) **Review Prior Meeting Action Items** -
 - 1. Father Eppenbrock & Sister Maria were to meet offline to attempt to make the draft Strategic Plan a final plan worthy of presentation to the Diocese before our meeting on today. This was completed.
- d) **Strategic Planning Continued** - A review of the entire Ave Maria Draft Strategic Plan, updated by Sister Maria & Father Eppenbrock, took place. During this review more updates to the plan were desired, although minimal.

After the review it was decided that:

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Tom Goniwiecha would update the plan with the above desired changes. He would also remove Draft from the Title line, and add a version number to the Title line to facilitate change management.
- 2. He would then provide a copy via email to all Parish Council members.
- 3. Sister Maria would ensure that a copy would get uploaded to our website, and that the URL address to view and/or download it would be provided to all Parish Council members.
- 4. As updates to the plan take place, the version number would be modified so that all could determine if the copy in their possession was the latest version.



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5. The Strategic Plan would become a living document in that as time goes on and we document things we already have in place, or decide how to address some of the issues/action items within our plan, this detailed documentation will be added to the plan, in the appropriate place.
6. Tom Goniwiecha indicated that with all of the communication oriented todo's within our Strategic Plan combined with, our weekly Parish Bulletin, our Parish website, our My Parish App, etc., we need someone to head up communication for our parish.

e) Next Pastoral Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 01-17-2017, 6:30pm St. Mary Center, Port Sanilac, MI.

f) Roundtable –

1. **Steve Schneider** - noted that there is a shortage of bulletins at St. Mary. Sister Maria to address.
2. **Marc McEachern** - noted that he thought that "Praying the Scripture" was very beneficial. It enhances the reading & the meditation of scripture. Pat Anderson is the lead person in charge of this activity.
3. **Sister Maria** - Another prayer group is starting.
4. **JoAnn Martenka** - asked if she needed Parish Council approval to provide an ethnic dinner, e.g., Italian? The answer was 'no' provided that Sister Maria was in the loop.
5. **Diane Kautz** - inquired about the status of the St. Patrick window. Sister Maria to find out.

g) Closing Prayer – led by Sr. Maria.

h) Adjourned – at 7:45pm