

**St. Andrew / St. Mary / St. Theresa
Pastoral Council Monthly Minutes
June 25, 2024, 6:00 PM at St. Andrew Hall**

Opening Prayer: Mary Jo Myers

Attendance: Randy Clark, Nancy Bogenschneider, Joan Wiese, Tracy Nadolski, Nathan Waas, Jeff Bauer, Tami Vodak, Michele Burns, Rick Steger, Daniel Hoffman, Karen Bodden, Lynn Steger, Kevin Knoll, Mary Jo Myers, Nicole Glogovsky, Aaron Hartwig, Fr. Nathaniel Miniatt, Father Ed Kornath, and Fr. Mark Brandl

Absent: Kimberly Cinnamon, Katie Feucht

Guests: Ken Kunstmann

Review/approval:

1. May Pastoral Council Minutes: A Motion to approve the May 21, 2024, Minutes was made by Karen Bodden; second by Daniel Hoffman. There being no objection, the Motion was carried and the Minutes approved.

Open Forum:

1. Discussion of Cornerstone Award – Jeff Bauer
 - a. Presentation in late summer / early fall at mass
 - b. Ken may be joining us for discussion
 - c. Need to verify all is arranged

Jeff Bauer introduces the guest, Ken Kunstmann, and describes him as the “behind the scenes” guy at St. Andrew’s. Ken shares his personal history and how he came to Leroy. Bauer explains how the Cornerstone Awards works. Each year, Ken is given the information as to the Cornerstone recipients and he then orders the awards. Bauer adds that Ken pays for the engraving of the plaques out of his own money. Bauer announces that this year the St. Andrew Cornerstone Award is being given to Ken Kunstmann! The Council congratulates Ken!

Fr. Miniatt requests an explanation of the Cornerstone Award and how it works. The hope is to carry it forward within the Pastoral Unit.

Committee Updates: Comments and Questions

- St. Mary’s Advisory School Commission: (incl. school exp. Update)

Fr. Miniatt advises that there was recently a tour of the three school buildings within the Parish group. The leadership was invited to look at expanding into the Lomira School building. Father notes that that building has been well maintained. The initial tour involved Mary Yauck, Rick Torn and Jeff Andes. Mary Yauck has drafted a survey concerning the interest in expanding the school. The thought would be that upper grades would go to Lomira with possible in-house shuttling. This would hopefully draw children from the Lomira area. Fr. Miniatt states he will leave no stone

unturned investigating this possibility for the school. He notes that this is great for the collaboration. There was a question regarding Sacred Heart but the thought was that those children would possibly go to Beaver Dam.

- Christian Formation/Education: Nicole Glogovsky notes that since it is summer, the children are not attending religious ed, but she is talking to speakers now for the coming formation year and has a specific person in mind but the speaker cost is \$3,000. She is investigating if the Mayville School District would be willing to share the cost of that speaker. Glogovsky notes that the teachers for the Confirmation classes will be Maryclare Stephens, the DRE for Lomira, and Dave Van Krey. Lomira will be joining the Confirmation class – they will have six students and Mayville will have ten students. Glogovsky notes that Sacred Heart uses the Spiritus curriculum for religious ed, which is different from the curriculum she uses.

- Young Adult: Aaron Hartwig states that not much has happened yet. He has received a contact list of 18 – 35 year olds from Tamela. The goal will be to help give community by reaching out and breaching the gap between the time of Confirmation and family life with more involvement.

- Spiritual Life & Worship:

- *Aaron Hartwig states that the 175th Anniversary planning is going well for St. Theresa's Church. Archbishop Listdecki will be presiding at the Mass.

- *St. Andrew's 175th celebration will have a German theme and there will be a Polka Mass.

- *Hartwig advises that he is working with Evie Mather on an Alpha Program which is a Christian Evangelical program – non-denominational. The goal is to bring together parishioners and community. They hope to figure out the interested parties by the Fall and move forward from there.

- *Hartwig informs that St. Andrew's has more adults interested in serving at Mass but the cassocks do not fit – there is a need for a wide array of sizes. They are looking at different types of cassocks.

- *Fr. Ed notes that the annual outdoor Mass is scheduled for July 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Theiler Park. There will be no 9:15 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa's and no 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. After the outdoor Mass there will be a potluck at the park.

- *Fr. Miniatt notes that St. Mary's–Lomira will be having a picnic at Church on August 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling, etc.

- Human Concerns: Mary Jo Myers states that they were not able to meet and that they are trying to reschedule. She states that they are looking into a store that sells fair trade. They want to help communities in third world countries.

- Finance Council: (Including Buildings & Grounds)

- o St. Mary's: Nancy Bogenschneider submitted the following Minutes:

- St. Mary's Finance and Buildings/Grounds meeting minutes from 6-11-24

- 1. Attendees included Nancy, Kimberly, Rick, Jeff, Dave and Eric

- 2. May minutes approved.

- 3. Through the first eleven months of 2023/24 the P&L is well into the black even after market gains and the Vollmer Fund adjustments. The balance sheet continues to be strong.

Kimberly had another \$125K moved from TSB Bank to an Edward Jones money market account. The 2024/25 budget for School Choice and the Archdiocese was completed and approved.

4. Projects that remain to be completed include the following:
 - a. Lighting for Church statues – Jeff. Will be a winter project.
 - b. Refurbish Father Ed's chair along with two matching chairs in Church. Jeff
 - c. Look into adding handicap ramp for Rectory/Parish office. ON HOLD
5. Projects that will need to be considered in the future include:
 - a. Refinishing or replacing church pews. Quote from Gunder to replace \$96K, refurbish \$66K or refurbish pews/replace kneelers \$78K. Included in LOA capital campaign. Andy highly recommended that we keep the Church open if we go ahead with the project. Refurbishing pews/replace kneelers has increased to \$91K. We will look at other options. \$80K has been deposited into the LOA account.
6. School/daycare expansion project – The Peter Stone Foundation Board has tabled the discussion of our project for the next several months. \$185K has been pledged through the Love One Another campaign for the expansion. These funds cannot be distributed until \$461K has been collected first. Father Miniatt has asked the committee to consider making use of the buildings at St. Theresa and/or St. Mary's in Lomira.
7. Review the need to have a security fence in the hallway when the gym is being used during school hours by outside groups (i.e. funeral lunch). Don't want to restrict egress in case of an emergency. Rick will review with Mary once more before deciding.
8. We had some more discussion on Church security during masses. (locking doors, security cameras, etc.) Jeff has received quotes for options on Church front doors, which is included as a LOA project. Kevin Knoll received a quote strengthen the glass door on the back of Church
9. Investigate improving parking lot lighting along both stairs in Church parking lot.
10. New business items included the following:
 - Kelly resigned as our bookkeeper effective June 14th. Cathy Billington (St. Andrew parish member) will be replacing Kelly in late June.
 - Mary Yauck is struggling trying to find help for daycare in the fall. We approved higher wages to try to attract more candidates.
11. Next meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 6:00 pm at St. Mary. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.

Nancy Bogenschneider is very happy to announce that Cathy Billington has been hired to take over the bookkeeper position and that she will start on Monday.

o St. Andrew's: Tracy Nadolski submitted the following Minutes:

ST. ANDREW'S BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/FINANCE MEETING

June 11, 2024 Location: St. Andrew's Parish Hall

Present: Judy Bauer, Terry Bauer, Greg Hartwig, Dan Hoffman, Debbie Krapfl, Steve Nadolski, Tracy Nadolski, Roseann Schraufnagel, Sue Weinberger

Absent: Fr. Ed Kornath

- Financial information – The financial statements through 05/31/24 were reviewed.
- A revised proxy for the concrete work has been submitted to the Archdiocese. We needed to specify that LOA funds will be used.
- Budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was approved.

- Liturgy committee was informed that there are funds available if they decide to replace the servers' cassocks.

Pending or Completed Items since last meeting:

1. Completed – The sound system is completed. It can now be turned on with the switch in the sacristy and with the antennae installation, the wireless microphone can be turned on from the back of church.
2. Completed – Concrete work and cornerstone were completed on Friday, June 14th .
3. Pending – Rectory updates:
 - o Bathrooms – nearing completion. Grab bars will be installed in each bathroom. In order to install the walk in unit, a wall needed to be removed so dry-walling was needed. Garriety Construction is doing the work.
 - o Third toilet leaking – plumber replaced the seal.
4. Pending – Rusch Lawn Care will do the landscaping around the church and the new sidewalks. Greg H will show him all the drainage issues that need to be addressed.
5. Pending - The northwest tower has some brick deterioration. Sue will contact Holton Bros for a consult.
6. Pending – Keith Kell will replace the box for the kitchen light that does not work.
7. Completed - Cleaning of cemetery angels & grotto – Roseann and Leo cleaned the statutes.

New Business:

1. The sump pump in the basement was replaced by a spare one. Another one will need to be purchased to replace the spare.
2. Cardinal Construction will draw up a plan for the ramp replacement. The cost will be \$3,500 but then we can use it to obtain bids. So far there are three companies we could contact: Cardinal Construction (Rob Ketter), Don Diedrich, Cornerstone Restoration (Kyle).
3. The aluminum railings (\$2,070) for the church sacristy steps will be installed by Garriety Construction. We discussed the option of doing 18 feet by 250 feet of concrete instead of the blacktop. This would cost at least twice as much as blacktop (\$19,200 versus \$42,500). We are still discussing our options.

Five Year Plan:

1. Rectory updates – flooring, furniture, window coverings, plumbing.
2. Electrical updates in church.
3. Ramp repairs– Greg H reported that we will need a separate company that specializes in ramps. A plan will need to be drawn up to have it up to code.
4. Church & parish hall signage
5. St. Mary school support

Upcoming Projects

✓ Spring 2024 project: Landscape around the Sacred Heart statue. The statue is showing signs of wear. Terry will check into a statute restoration company.

✓ Wall repairs in the East vestibule.

✓ Remove dead tree next to the rectory.

Next committee meeting during the summer will be scheduled as needed to make decisions on upcoming work.

Minutes by: Sue Weinberger

o St. Theresa's: Michele Burns states that only she and Eileen Lifke attended the meeting but that they were able to talk to Fr. Miniatt for a time. Rick Steger notes they are still looking to repair the steeple and the roof on the church. Fr. Miniatt questions the steeple repairs; Steger explains. The Daycare possibility with the School District of Lomira is getting closer. It would hold 10-16 children.

Karen Bodden questions if there will be a combined financial statement at some point; discussion held. Reports such as financial reports could be given at a Town Hall type of meeting. Jeff Bauer agrees; believes information is important.

- Stewardship: Karen Bodden states it is hard to explain "stewardship." She inquires who the other stewardship individuals are in the other parishes because she would like to have a time/talent/treasure type of fair that could explain stewardship. Fr. Miniatt states that this is an area that needs to be built up; it appears as though Karen Bodden is the only person working on stewardship out of all of the parishes.

- Scholarship: Tracy Nadolski states that the scholarships are done. Jack Nelson from St. Mary's and Amber Wiese from St. Andrew's each received a \$1,000 scholarship. There were no applications from St. Theresa's. These are funds received from the Vollmer Family. Randy Clark wonders if the scholarship program can be grown. Fr. Miniatt comments.

- Generations of Life: Joan Wiese explains the Generations of Life group. She notes that Fr. Ed recently went on the pontoon boat ride on the Horicon Marsh – Fr. Ed states it was a nice trip. Randy Clark comments that this is a very successful group and could be a great opportunity to bring the parishes together.

Joan Wiese submitted the following Minutes:

The committee held a brief meeting after BINGO on May 15th . Brain-storming ideas/trips for the future and discussing how our events have been received by attendees. We continue to search for ideas, especially to include more men at these events. BINGO events will be geared toward the winter and early spring. We will try to offer "road trips" while the weather is good.

The June 1st Clauson Family Musical with Kim's Tours was sold-out. Those that attended were very pleased with the motor coach, the food and the entertainment at this facility. This location holds a Christmas show...we will try to arrange with Kim's Tours.

The June 20th Horicon Marsh pontoon boat ride went really well. The morning was rainy...only 3 people cancelled. 17 people enjoyed the hour long tour. Marsh BINGO (a fresh update on the game) was played. Afterward, lunch was available at the boat tour restaurant. The meals were delicious and recommended by all. The attendees were polled...and have requested a fall pontoon boat tour. This event saw a few more men, which was great!

Upcoming Events:

JULY EVENTS:

July 21st Our parish picnic at Theiler Park. We will offer rides to and from...as we did last year to those who don't care to drive.

July 31st Milwaukee Brewers vs. Atlanta Braves @ American Family Field, Milwaukee This event is open to all, not just seniors. First baseline, infield box seats and a hassle-free trip is hoped to fill this event quickly. In conjunction with Kim's Tours, our attendees are becoming aware that travel with Kim's Tours is reliable and comfortable. \$89.00 includes motor coach travel to and from AmFam Field, a light lunch and your game ticket. Reservations are due June 27th .

AUGUST EVENT: The Committee is working with Kim's Tours to offer a Dells Dinner Theatre trip. Options will open up for fall participation and Kim's Tours will be watching for newly released programming.

NOVEMBER EVENT: November 22 – "Christmas on the Farm" – The Clauson Family Music Show, Coloma, WI The first of our holiday events is planned. \$120.00 includes motor coach travel, a huge buffet dinner and 2.5 hours of live entertainment. Reservations are due Oct. 22.

- **Emergency Response:** Kevin Knoll states that Liz Hoffman and Jenny Oechsner are willing to help with medical training for the ushers. There is usually a \$45/person charge for getting certified, however, since the ushers are not getting certified and because this training is for a church, there will not be a charge; Knoll does suggest a donation for the trainers. They also hope to do security training at the same time. The next step is to determine a date to do the training. Fr. Miniatt asks that they invite ushers from the other parishes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dodge County Parish Planning Update
 - a. Committee Plans going forward
 - i. Need a list of all members of all committees
 - ii. Will arrange for all of the same committees of all Parishes to meet in September
 1. Planning session – how to combine efforts
 - b. Current Pastoral Council
 - i. Explanation of future plans
 - c. New Dodge East Pastoral Council
 - i. September Meeting
 - ii. Two Trustees plus one at-large representative for each Parish
 - iii. Please consider someone to represent Parish / Goal to identify and vote

Randy Clark asks that a list of all the Committees and Committee members and their contact information be sent to him. The goal is to join all the Committees from all the parishes together. Once all the contact information is gathered, it will be taken back to the Pastoral Unit so that a determination can be made on how to operate moving forward. Clark notes that the goals are to: 1) Identify all of the various Committees; 2) Determine who will coordinate the Committees and bring the knowledge together; and 3) Accomplish bringing everything together before September.

The New Unit will be meeting for the first time in September. The Unit will meet on the 4th Tuesday every month. Clark notes that there are certain specifications required by the Archdiocese for reporting to a Joint Parish Council. The plan is to suspend current meetings but that the Committees would continue.

The new Pastoral Unit would consist of the one Pastor, two additional Priests, two Trustees from each Parish and one at-large member from each Parish. Fr. Miniatt is looking at one joint meeting with the six parishes. He states he does not want to lose people who are working on Committees. Father would like to rely on written reports from Committees; the Trustees could also act as liaisons.

Randy Clark notes that by bringing all six parishes together, the Committees could be larger groups. The current Committees would not be eliminated, but shifting how they come together. Fr. Miniatt wants to keep people involved.

Michelle Burns questions how the Finance Meetings would work. Fr. Miniatt would like to reduce the Finance meetings to six per year. They would all be held on the same night with groups of three held back-to-back on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in September.

Fr. Miniatt states that for now, the Parish offices would stay as they are. Fr. Mark will be in Horicon; Fr. Ed will be in Mayville; and Fr. Miniatt will be in Lomira. Fr. Ed notes that the secretaries at each location are the point persons.

Randy Clark indicates that tonight we need to figure out at-large persons from each Parish. For St. Mary's-Mayville, Nancy Bogenschneider nominates Rick Torn as the at-large member. Clark states that he has reached out to Rick Torn before this meeting and can confirm that Torn would accept the position as long as he can stay on the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The question at this time is if he could continue as the Chairman of the Committee. Fr. Miniatt asks if Randy Clark would consider being an at-large member. Clark comments that it is important to have someone focused on St. Mary's school be a key member of the Pastoral Unit. Father indicates that Rick Torn nomination can be revisited.

As to St. Andrew's, Jeff Bauer nominates Nathan Waas. After discussion, Waas agrees to be the at-large member from St. Andrew's.

As to St. Theresa's, Tami Vodak nominates Eileen Lifke as the at-large member but she notes that Lifke is the Chairperson for St. Theresa's Finance Committee. Michele Burns nominates Lynn Steger as the backup at-large member.

2. October 13, 2024 – St. Theresa 175th

- a. Karen Bodden – update
- b. Will this replace the special mass on first Sunday of Advent

Karen Bodden states that the committee of four people met on June 24th. She will get in touch with the contact person at the Archdiocese concerning the guidelines for the Archbishop for the Mass. The celebration Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Catering has been determined for the meal after Mass. A banner has been made to announce the celebration. Bodden notes that they are not planning

any extra activities. She does plan on having St. Theresa memorabilia in the School Hall for viewing. Bodden notes that there will no 10:30 a.m. Mass in Mayville on this date.

3. Saturday, October 19, 2024 – St. Andrew 175th

Fr. Ed states that the celebration Mass will be held at 4:00 p.m. There will be no 4:30 p.m. Mass in Mayville and no 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew's on Sunday, October 20th. The Goodtime Dutchman Band will play at the Mass and there will be German food at the Hall.

4. Fun night for all 3 parishes – Nathan Waas
a. Details for event

Nathan Waas states that planning for the September 28th Trivia event is going well. All of the questions have been established. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and trivia will start at 7:00 p.m. Debbie Krapfl has answered all the questions regarding gaming licenses, etc. Prizes are being bought. Fr. Miniatt questions if all of the Dodge East Parishes have been invited? Waas states it is open to all the parishes and they will get information for the event into all the bulletins.

NEW BUSINESS :

1. Young Adult Committee
a. Verify Chair
b. Discuss possibility of inviting a youth member to join from other Parishes

See the discussion in Committee Updates (page 2 above).

2. Proposal to have an Annual Meeting – recommendation to Dodge East Pastoral Unit
a. Town Hall Style Meeting
b. After Mass
c. Buildings and Grounds to give update
d. Consider this as plans come together for new Pastoral Unit
e. Add session on Security and Safety

Randy Clark states no action will be taken at this time.

3. Fr. Kornath and Fr. Miniatt – Misc other new business

Fr. Miniatt states that he is happy to be here. He will continue to emphasize the Spiritual Mission and stay focused on the fundamental goals. Father prays for patience with the changes.

Randy Clark reminds everyone to get the Committee contact information to him and that everyone should “stay tuned!”

Adjournment at 7:52 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ed leads the closing prayer.