

**St. Andrew / St. Mary / St. Theresa
Pastoral Council Monthly Minutes
May 21, 2024, 6:00 PM at St. Theresa Hall**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Randy Clark advises that Fr. Kornath will be unable to attend tonight's meeting, therefore, this cannot be considered an official Pastoral Council meeting and decisions cannot be made, however, items can be discussed.

Opening Prayer: Tami Vodak

Attendance: Randy Clark, Nancy Bogenschneider, Katie Feucht, Joan Wiese, Nathan Waas, Jeff Bauer, Tami Vodak, Michele Burns, Kimberly Cinnamon, Rick Steger, Daniel Hoffman, Karen Bodden, Lynn Steger, Kevin Knoll

Guests: Aaron Hartwig

Absent: Fr. Ed Kornath, Tracy Nadolski and Mary Jo Myers

Review/approval:

1. April Pastoral Council Minutes: A Motion to approve the April 23, 2024, Minutes was made by Karen Bodden; second by Nathan Waas. Joan Wiese would like to make a correction to the April Minutes regarding St. Andrew's 175th Celebration. The Minutes state (at page 6) the date for the Celebration is set for October 26th, however, the correct date is October 19, 2024. Randy Clark inquires if there are any objections to the Minutes taking into consideration the corrected date. There being no objection, the Motion was carried and the Minutes approved.

Open Forum: None.

Committee Updates: Comments and Questions

- St. Mary's Advisory School Commission: (incl. school exp. update) – Katie Feucht provided the following school updates received from Mary Yauck since there has not been a School Board Meeting since the last Parish Council Meeting:

The new playground was delivered and will be installed this summer.

We discussed a plan B for the expansion because it looks as if we will fall short for funding on the original plans. The plan discussed will still provide us with 4 childcare rooms, and classes through 5th. It is definitely in the very early stages of discussion and will need additional research to get the logistics figured out before an actual blueprint plan is drawn up. It is incredibly sad because we need so badly for this to happen. We have no room.

Our last day of school is this Friday.

We have some new staff members. Kerri Olig is our new 5K teacher, Katie Marshall is our new 2nd grade teacher, Michelle Krueger is our new cook. We are looking for a 2nd person to

help with hot lunch for just a couple of hours a day. We are still in dire need of childcare workers.

Our rummage sale is coming up. Drop off dates for donations are today, Thurs, the 28th and the 29th from noon to 4. The rummage is June 12-15th

Randy Clark states that he can speak to the school expansion in that it will not be until the end of the year when a potential donor, The Peter Stone Foundation, would be making any decision. There are a couple of ideas being investigated: (1) To communicate with St. Mary Springs to determine if St. Mary's School could be a feeder school and then they could tap into the SMS donor pool; Nancy Bogenschneider believes from past information that would lead to a dead end. (2) That \$2 million could renovate the building as is without doing a second level. They have been bouncing ideas around as to how to reconfigure the building. They are hoping to raise more funds; between the General Fund/Love One Another Campaign/local donations they have approximately \$1.92 million; they are still trying to raise a total of \$4 million. The Dodge East Unit is not yet in a position to make decisions regarding the school expansion.

- Christian Formation/Education: – Joan Wiese (See Minutes)

DRE, Nicole Glogovsky, Fr. Ed, Vicky Hartwig, Debbie Krapfl, and Joan Wiese

At the time of this report, I have not received an update with details from our DRE. The June report will provide details of the final months of the 2023-2024 Christian Formation Year.

I am able to advise that weekly Christian Formation Classes for the school year have concluded.

A total of 21 students prepared for their First Eucharist among our three parishes. Our gratitude should be extended to Sacraments Coordinator – Jessica Janssen for her talents in preparing these Second Graders for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation as well as First Eucharist. It is obvious the children love her.

Confirmation was held at St. Andrew on May 15, with students from our three parishes as well as Sacred Heart - Horicon, St. Matthew – Neosho, St. Joseph – Waupun and Annunciation – Fox Lake. There were 37 youth in total. Our gratitude should be extended to Confirmation Coordinator – Dave VanKrey. His years of experience with our Confirmation candidates is valued and appreciated.

May 19 will be our Graduation Mass and Continental Breakfast. At the time of this report, there are breakfast reservations for approximately 50 people (includes family of graduates). The Christian Formation Committee mailed invitations to known graduates as well as published an invitation in our bulletin for a few weeks to invite post-HS graduates to attend.

Final details for 2024-2025 Registrations are being worked on between our DRE and Fr. Ed.

This Committee continues to ask for a representative of St. Theresa to join and voice opinions representing St. Theresa parents.

- Young Adult: (Discuss path forward in New Business)

- Spiritual Life & Worship: (New Representative needed) Randy Clark indicates that with John Schuller leaving, there is a need for a new representative. (See discussion in New Business)
- Human Concerns: – Mary Jo Myers is unable to attend this meeting; Tami Vodak notes that Human Concerns does not meet until this coming Thursday.
- 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 5-14-24

1. Attendees included Nancy, Kimberly, Rick, Mary Jo, Dave and Eric
2. April minutes approved.
3. Through the first ten 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 will have another \$125K moved from TSB Bank to an Edward Jones money market account. A proposed 2024/25 budget for School Choice and the Archdiocese will be completed the week of May20th.
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. \$62K has been deposited into the LOA account. Next deposit should be coming in the next month.
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. Rick will find out when these funds will get distributed.
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.
9. Investigate improving parking lot lighting along both stairs in Church parking lot.
10. New business items included the following:
 - a. Cemetery Committee requests for having Puls Lawn Care mow cemeteries and B&M Trenching leveling 150 head stones in the old cemetery for \$4000 approved.
 - b. It was agreed that another \$5,800 from the Bingo account would be used towards future kitchen upgrades.
11. Next meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 6:00 pm at St. Andrew. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.

o St. Andrew's: Daniel Hoffman states that the concrete around the church has been pushed back a couple of days. The rectory will need some work for another Priest to be able to live there. There is a comment that the sound system at St. Andrew's this past Sunday was bad. Hoffman advises that that issue has been resolved.

o St. Theresa's: Michele Burns submitted the following Minutes:

May 14, 2024, St. Theresa's Hall, 6:00pm

Members present: Fr. Ed, Eileen Lifke, Dan Schmidt, Rick Steger, Michele Burns, Mark Walchelske; Excused: Gene Bodden

*April minutes and financial report approved by consensus.

*Church steeple repair: Mark contacted Krause since they did the last work on the steeple and we are waiting on their availability.

*Church doors: there is a new mechanism that was fixed on the main doors as the old was sticking and not allowing the doors to open. Having a coating placed on the doors to prevent shattering was discussed. Rick will get Mark the info on this company to check into having this done to the doors.

*Public school classroom rental: Ty Breitlow, superintendent, met with Fr. Minet and has been meeting with school board. More discussions and walk thru coming up, including a meeting in June.

*Dodge Co Parish update: St. Theresa's schedule will stay the same at this time. 6/17 Fr. Minet will be taking over as pastor and the 3rd priest will start.

*Custodian Backpay: It was discovered that the custodian for St. Theresa hasn't had a raise the last 2 years. It was voted on to give back pay to remedy this.

*Edward Jones Investment: LOA balance 11,803.00. Two CD's opened with excess checking acct. Funds. Half in a 6 month CD @ 5.3% interest and half in 12 month CD @ 5.25% interest.

*Budget for 2024-2025 reviewed and set Building & Maintenance Projects: Mark is contacting Luedtke electric for 3 issues:

1. No power in flower room
2. Handicap door put on own timer mechanism.
3. Setting a separate circuit for the outside sign. Also Mark is going to get a bid on redoing the roofs as both are aging

Rick Steger questions the status of the door coating. Kevin Knoll indicates he just received a proposal that he will share.

- Stewardship: Karen Bodden states she has nothing to report.
- Scholarship: Tracy Nadolski is unable to attend this meeting but Randy Clark states that he is aware that the applications have been received and ranked.
- Generations of Life: Joan Wiese submitted the following Minutes:

May 15th BINGO at St. Theresa Hall was a nice afternoon. There were 24 people in attendance. A hanging flower basket was the big prize of the day. Summer events at St. Theresa Hall will not be planned, due to no air conditioning. We will try to coordinate an upcoming event at St. Mary while

school is not in session, but will try our best to offer activities “off-site” during the summer months.

Upcoming Events:

JUNE EVENT:

June 1st – Clauson Family Musical with Kim’s Tours. This event is SOLD-OUT.

JULY EVENT:

The Committee is working on a Horicon Marsh Pontoon Ride for July. They offer a fully handi-cap accessible trip. Further discussion and planning is required.

AUGUST EVENT:

The Committee is working with Kim’s Tours to offer something the men of our group would enjoy. Possibly a Timber Rattlers game, or Brewers. The Dells Dinner Theatre options will open up for fall participation and Kim’s Tours will be watching for newly released programming.

- **Emergency Response:** Kevin Knoll states that he received a proposal from Mike Vosskuil in the amount of \$1,205.55 for forced entry laminate for the doors/windows. With this laminate on, it would take an intruder 25-30 minutes of pounding on a door with a sledgehammer to get through. He notes that a cost of \$725.00 would give a 15-minute window. There is a question regarding firearms and the laminate. Regarding first aid training, Jenny Oechsner is willing to assist with training. Jeff Bauer would like it if they could get all the ushers to meet to do the training.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dodge County Parish Planning Update
 - a. Nancy Bogenschneider, Daniel Hoffman, Rick Steger
 - b. See general notes attached
 - c. Discuss becoming a “general council” rather than “Pastoral Council”

Daniel Hoffman reports that the hot button item at the latest meeting was the structure of the Pastoral Council moving forward. There is no time frame yet for the Pastoral Council - there are so many moving parts and no definitive answers. There was also discussion as to how the Parishes would pay for Priests. It was noted that the Parishes would continue as is for at least the next year. We will wait for the direction of Dodge East. Hoffman notes that Fr. Miniatt emphasized that the Mission of the Pastoral Unit is the Salvation of Souls and Making New Disciples and that they should not lose focus or be distracted from the Mission.

2. October 13th – St. Theresa 175th
 - a. Karen Bodden – update
 - b. Will this replace the special Mass on 1st Sunday of Advent (Fr. Joe’s Plan)

Karen Bodden reports that Fr. Ed has received official confirmation that Archbishop ListECKI will be coming for St. Theresa’s 175th Celebration Mass. She states that the Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. A caterer has been booked and the Theresa Town Hall has been reserved for the meal. The St. Theresa Finance Committee has approved a budget of \$5,000.00. Because of space limits, RSVP responses will be required in order to attend the meal.

It was confirmed that this Mass will replace the special Mass on the first Sunday of Advent.

3. October 19th – St. Andrew 175th – date was incorrect in previous report
4. Fun night for all 3 parishes – Nathan Waas
 - a. Details for event

Nathan Waas states that at a recent meeting they determined that the event would have 6 – 8 member teams, that there would be five rounds, and that there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last places. There will be ads in the Bulletin, the website and at the churches. The date of the event will be September 28, 2024. Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Trivia will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Hall. Ads for the event will start on July 15th.

Waas has the following questions: (1) Can non-parish members attend the event? The Council determined that at least one of the participants on each team should be a member of one of the parishes. The remaining participants can be non-parish members. (2) Can they have alcoholic beverages? A goodwill offering was discussed. It was determined that Debbie Wondra should be contacted regarding permits for alcohol, raffles, etc. Waas notes that they will probably need additional volunteers for this event.

5. Cornerstone Award
 - a. Present in late Summer /early Fall at Mass
 - b. Verify everything is arranged

Jeff Bauer questions some of the logistics of the Cornerstone Awards. Discussion held.

NEW BUSINESS :

1. Young Adult Committee
 - a. Daniel Hoffman – discussion with Aaron Hartwig

Aaron Hartwig is asked if he would be willing to head the Young Adult Committee. Hartwig states that he is willing to work on forming this Committee. There is discussion as to the individuals who would be part of a young adult group and it was determined that it would include parish members from the time of Confirmation to the Baptism of their first child. Hartwig states that he already has some ideas for this group and believes that Jacob Kovacevich would also be a good resource. Hartwig will try to put a proposal together to be discussed. Hartwig questions if there would be money from the Parishes for this group and wonders if he can get a list of the individuals who would be targeted for this group. Clark notes regarding the Budget, that he believes the Trustees would support funds for the group if they can get something going.

2. Spiritual Life and Worship
 - a. Discuss new representative
 - b. Consider merging with Stewardship?

Randy Clark states that he would prefer to table this item until direction is received from Dodge East. In addition, there is a need for a new representative for this Committee. Aaron

Hartwig notes that he is already on this Committee and would be willing to give the updates to the Parish Council. Clark will add Hartwig to the council list.

3. Officer Election – May

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Secretary
- d. Procedure
 - i. To save time, if no nominations, will ask existing officers to continue
 - ii. Nominate
 - iii. Will ask 3 times for nomination, if none, they are closed
 - iv. Vote on nomination

Randy Clark questions if the existing officers are willing to continue, i.e. Chairperson – Randy Clark; Vice Chair – Kevin Knoll; and Secretary – Lynn Steger. All of the officers indicate that they are willing to continue in their positions. There being no objections to any change, the status quo will continue until direction is received from Dodge East.

4. Meeting Calendar for 2024-2025

- a. Review and approve
- b. Will be dependent on what the Dodge East Pastoral Unit does
- c. To be finalized by end of Summer
- d. November – propose week early due to Thanksgiving (Nov. 19 meeting)

Randy Clark advises that he has been asked not to approve the proposed Meeting Calendar for 2024-25. He sent a copy of the calendar to Fr. Miniatt for his review. Clark will keep the Council posted as to the meeting times that will be determined.

5. Proposal to have an Annual Meeting – pending discussions for Dodge County

- a. Town Hall Style Meeting
- b. After Mass
- c. Buildings & Grounds to give update
- d. Consider this as plans come together for new Pastoral Unit
- e. Discuss in June meeting – plan for Fall – plan for dates in June?
- f. Add session on Security and Safety

Randy Clark states that any plans for an Annual Meeting will probably be in the hands of the new Pastoral Unit. Jeff Bauer comments that it has been his experience that many of the older parishioners would like to see some type of annual meeting. Clark states that he will keep this item on the Agenda and will mention same to Fr. Miniatt and Fr. Ed.

6. Fr. Kornath – Misc other new business (Fr. Ed unable to attend meeting)

- a. DRE – full time position

The Council is informed that it is official – the full-time DRE position has been accepted by Nicole Glogovsky. We should ask if Nicole can report to the Parish Council on Religious Ed.

Additional New Business: Nancy Bogenschneider reports that Bookkeeper, Kelly Oechsner, has resigned. She is willing to stay on until a replacement can be found. The Bookkeeper position is being advertised in the Bulletin this week.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: June 25, 2024 – St. Andrew's Hall

Announcements: None.

Prayer assignment for Next meeting: Mary Jo Meyers

Meeting Adjourned.

Closing Prayer: Randy Clark