

## **ST.MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING February 23, 2016**

PRESENT: Monsignor Gene Lindemann, Father Robert Shea, Deacon Terry Glatt, Resources Manager: Steve Braus, Kurt Snyder, Shawn Morlock, John Grasl, Leo Voigt, Dick Heidt, Tony Fladeland, and Tom and Carolyn Hesford  
ABSENT: Mike Wolf (Shawn Morlock led the meeting in Mike's place.)

Minutes approved after 2 corrections.

### INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. **Reports on Portfolio Ministries:** John met with the Stewardship Committee and discussed our new Four Pillars of Stewardship plan and they also suggested posting a summary in the Gathering Space. Dick Heidt informed the Council members that the Finance Council has been meeting frequently and they have come up with a good process for preparing and balancing the budget. He stated they are ahead of the plan to have very accurate numbers based on each month. He is optimistic about how everything is progressing and said they could have the budget ready by the March PPC meeting. Msgr. Gene suggested they wait until April since they still have to address concerns about Staffing, Insurance and LOCCS. Terry and Carolyn both met with Marge Tschosik about Ministry of Praise and Carolyn also visited with the Morths about the Prayer Tree Committee. She plans to give both groups copies of our Vision and Mission statement and the Pillars of Stewardship. Leo and Curt both met with Diane about the Hospitality Committee. She had nothing new to report but will be getting back to them in the next month or two. Tony and Shawn have also touched base with Sheila and Diane about the Sacraments and Faith Formation.
- B. **New Nominating Committee Members:** Shawn requested volunteers to help find candidates replace those who's terms will expire this summer. Fr. Robert, Tony Fladeland, Leo Voigt, Brian VerDouw and Shawn volunteered and Tony agreed to set up the meeting.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. **Feedback on Light of Christ Presentation:** Leo stated that he found out that one important hangup for LOCCS moving ahead is the application for a rezoning permit and road access for the new High School. Msgr. reaffirmed that whatever changes that are made to our facility require a St. Mary's Parish Corporate Board resolution. The board includes Bishop Kagan, Msgr. Gene and two trustees, and they will also consult with the PPC and Finance Council before any decisions are made. Msgr. said that in terms of the Capital Campaign a set amount has been allotted to the elementary schools and old High School to meet needs. Gerald Vetter was tasked to come up with various options in each of the facilities so space and educational needs could be met. He came up with four options. Msgr. stated that, at the Board of Director's meeting, the Bishop said he likes the 4th option, part of which adds to the front of our school but cuts off access to our parking lot. He also said that another plan would add an addition to the north end of the building that would house LaMere on the main floor and classrooms on the second floor. However, this plan would be too costly and would take all of the money allotted for all the grade schools, so it is probably not feasible. At another meeting Msgr. met with Gerald Vetter and Tim McCaffrey and discussed options for a scaled back addition. Msgr. said we have been asked to come up with a modified alternate plan to meet our space needs and depending on what that looks like it could be the direction we will go. Curt questioned whether we should consider putting Pizza Hut on the market to offset the

cost of a new addition Msgr. indicated that it is really not an option unless it would bring in a huge amount of money because our need for parking is so great. Tony, also, questioned whether LOCCS would consider revisiting the amount they have allotted to meet the needs of the elementary schools and the old high school since that amount was set two years ago. Msgr. Gene passed around a copy of the plan to add to the north side of the building. . He also informed us that Tony would be going with him at the next meeting with the LOCCS Board on March 17th and he, also, reminded the Council that all final decisions affecting us must be brought to the parish.

- B. **Parish Staffing Needs:** Msgr. stated that he has asked Steve to come up with a list of our present Parish needs and who we have meeting these needs at this time. He said Youth Ministry is still a concern. He, also, said that he received a call from a person returning to Bismarck about how we might be planning to meet this need and has expressed an interest. Msgr. stressed the importance of finding out how we will meet all of the needs that Steve's position involves since he will be retiring in June. He said he needs help in deciding whether to replace Steve or reallocate some of his duties and/or hire a part time person. Msgr. said he would like a committee to identify and consider possible options. Tony will gather the committee that will include Msgr. Gene, Fr. Robert, Kurt, himself, Leo and Brian VerDouw.
- C. **Appreciation Banquet Evaluation:** Shawn said that everything ran smoothly and the turn out was very good at about 230 people. Msgr. Gene suggested that some musical entertainment might be a nice addition to the event. Steve suggested that as we meet with the various ministries we encourage them to take pictures that can be included in the slide show that Sheila Gilbertson puts together each year.

**DECISION ITEMS:**

- A. **Gathering Space Recognition:** Steve reviewed the options for displaying the Mission Statement, the Pillars of Stewardship and the Msgr. Feehan Award. He also presented an example of a shadow box that could be used to display the award. The council members agreed to view the possible locations at the end of the meeting and to make a final decision at the next meeting. Tom suggested including a display of pictures of the recipients and a brief summary of why they were chosen.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

March 29 5:30 p.m.

April 26 5:30 p.m.

