

## **St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 @ 6:30 PM St. Paul Hall**

**Opening Prayer:** Father Dan started us with the opening prayer and blessing the councils.

### **4 Parish Meeting**

1. Pastor Expectations of Parish Council - Father Dan started the whole group meeting with his expectations for our parish council meetings. We will meet whole group first and then break off into each individual parish. Each parish council must keep minutes and make them available for parishioners.
2. Current topics
  - a. National: Eucharistic Revival - each parish needs a point person on this. Each meeting we need to discuss what we are doing as a parish to meet this goal. The National Eucharistic Council is July 17-21, 2024, see Fr. Dan if interested.
  - b. Diocesan: Listening sessions found 3 main points. The first we are going to focus on this year is Welcoming & Belonging. Dixie Booten is the point person for St. Mary's.
  - c. Parish: We need to focus on the 6 areas of ministry - doesn't have to be a parish council member to represent each area, instead we could ask for parishioners to volunteer. Cortney Boylan is taking a position at HTC so we will be looking for a new Family & Youth minister.

### **St. Mary's Meeting**

**Mission Statement:** St Mary's of the Assumption Parish is a Eucharistic community sharing God's faith, hope and love. We strive through liturgy, sacraments, ministries, education and outreach to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our world.

### **Consent Agenda Approval**

1. Attendance:
  - a. Present - Father Dan Dorau, Lori Steffensmeier, Nic Chiri, Luke Boylan, Deacon Mike Linnenbrink, Sydni Foecke
  - b. Absent - Bruce Wellman, Larry Fedler
  - c. Guests - Rebecca Hannum

### **Reports & Updates:**

1. Religious Education Report - Written report. VBS starts on Monday.
2. Family Ministry - Written report.

3. Maintenance Report - Rebecca let us know that the cushions should be in by early August. We are also planning to put construction updates in the bulletin.
4. School Board Report - Written report.
5. Finance Committee - no report

**Old Business:**

1. Logo - Rebecca is going to work on a logo on Canva.
2. Steeple & Dome repair - we are still waiting for the company to come.

**New Business:**

1. Parish Council Seats - President: Luke Boylan, Vice President: Sydni Foecke, Secretary: Lori Steffensmeier
2. New Parish Council Members - Kelly Harmeyer will be joining the parish council. We still need one more member - Sydni will reach out.
3. Sweet Corn Festival - Sign up Genius link on Facebook and the Parish website. Please sign up through there.
4. Miscellaneous
  - a. Agendas for parish council meetings are due the 1st Wednesday of the month in order for everyone to be prepared for the meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
  - b. The new combined bulletin will begin at the end of July.
  - c. Updating Parish directory - We need to update information and family pictures. St. Mary's needs a point person on this - they will be working with RaeAnn Menke as she is the point person for St. James. This will also be a time for the ministry fair for parishioners to sign up for volunteering.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 at St. Paul Hall