

ABVM Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023 – 4:00 PM – Marian Hall

- 1) Opening Prayer, led by Fr. Joe
- 2) Rollcall: Joyce Humfeld, Rhonda Kiedinger (FiCon), Phyllis Krause, Dennis Vinger, Melanie Halvorson (FiCon), Pat Peterson, Parker Moore, Fr. Joe Richards
- 3) Old Business
 - a. Review Minutes from January 11 – Correct the directory’s anticipated release from Christmas to Easter
 - b. Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - i. Membership: Dan Kiedinger (Chair), Franz Funovitz, Jon Mollendahl, Keith Yahn, Michael Fischer, Dennis Lund, Fr. Joe Richards
 - ii. Activity: The Committee has met twice, looking at the sinkhole and opening an investigation into drainage issues from the church roof.
 1. The members will gather again with architect & member Franz Funovitz, laying the base for ongoing work.
 - c. Pastorate Request – following the January 11 meeting, Fr. Joe presented Council feedback from Coon Valley and Viroqua with a request for elevation to Pastor. This request was approved, and the bishop assigned Fr. Joe as Pastor to St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua, effective February 28, 2023. An installation Mass will take place on March 25 at 10:30 AM in Viroqua, followed by a luncheon hosted by both PCCWs.
- 4) New Business
 - a. Community Garden – Parishioner Matt Kararo has approached the parish about installing some planter boxes and facilitating a community garden. The Council agrees to the project, including fundraising for it as we did for the tree planting.
 - b. Rosary booklet – Pat will scout around for an aid to share with new pray-ers, geared toward the pre-Mass rosary.
- 5) Capital Campaign projects – Fr. Joe shared the Campaign brochure with the Council before its final submission. A few early gifts have begun rolling in to launch our efforts with some high-visibility, low-impact projects. The brochure focuses on three main areas:
 - a. Main Facilities
 - i. RE Wing: installation of windows into office and classroom doors (Safe Environment compliance), replacement of two rusted exterior doors adjacent to kitchen.
 - ii. Worship Space: Lighting, sound, arrangement, user-friendliness, liturgical cohesiveness
 - b. Parish Grounds: Sinkholes & preventative maintenance on drainage, paving, exterior lighting
 - c. Rectory: Flooring, structural work following up on building inspection from summer 2022.
- 6) Conclusion
 - a. Next Meeting Date: May 11, 5:00 PM
 - b. Concluding Prayer, led by Fr. Joe