

**Diocese of Owensboro
Prison Ministry Committee
Minutes
April 16, 2019**

Present: Deacon Dick Murphy, Bob & Sharrie Cinnamond, Deacon Brett Mills and
Deacon Paul Bachi
via Conference Call

Brett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with one correction: under
Ministry reports, Marcia Runner is secretary to the Chaplain at GRCC.

Training – Dick has not heard from Fr. Al about training in Paducah. The Chaplain in
the McCracken County jail has changed. Deacon Paul will check with Fr. Al one more
time. If not Paducah, where should we try next?

Plans for the next Fiscal Year – The chaplain at the Hopkins County jail asked about
R E C. This could possibly lead to a workshop in that area.

Mark Johnson is the Program Co-coordinator for Behind Bars and
Beyond. Deacon Brett is trying to get 6 or 7 people to come to a workshop so he can
have people ready by July to form an accountability group for the Post Custody –
Reentry program. He currently has 1 application.

Ministry Reports: The R E C at GRCC went well. 35 men made the weekend. There
was a change in Chaplains during the weekend but no real problems came up. The
atmosphere has improved. John Blankendaal is no longer going to the prison. Gary
Trogden did the required training and is now a backup for visitation. Bob Stallings is
going with Fr. Ray Clark and Deacon Brett for their weekly visits.

There are no weekends scheduled for the Daviess County jail.

Bob asked Deacon Paul if he had talked to Fr. Christopher at Eddyville about an
R E C weekend.

He cannot get an answer and needs to set dates and begin forming a team.

The residents at Friends of Sinners have worked on ways to help people get
housing, jobs and clothing. Bob is there every Monday and things are going very
well. The leaders are trusted and well liked.

Bishop Medley will be visit KSP and on May 16. One man will be Baptized at
KSP. One of the men on Death Row will be moved to General population.

Bob reported that he is having problems with the R E C that is scheduled for
June at Sts Joe and Paul. The new pastor there is not familiar with the program

and is hesitant about using their facilities. We will ask Fr. Ray to speak with the Pastor. He also is trying to schedule a weekend at Blessed Mother in November – possibly the 2nd or 3rd weekend.

Grayson County is having weekend and they are going well. The ministry at GRCC is going well they have 6 – 8 men at Mass – mostly Spanish. They are no longer on Restricted Protocol which makes it much easier to do their ministry. Things are back to normal – volunteers only need Annual Training. Security is the primary focus but now it is a bit easier to work there.

Lighthouse will be opening a Women's House June 1st.

Other News: SB 57 – to Expand Felony Expungement passed but other bills will create new crimes and increase penalties for existing crimes. This will lead to more incarcerations and/or for longer periods of time.

Future meeting dates: Aug. 13; Oct 8; Dec. 10; Feb. 11 and Apr 14. We will continue to meet at Blessed Mother.

We closed with the Hail Mary

Sharrie Cinnamond, Secretary