

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Minutes August, 2018

Meeting Time: August 23, 2018 7:00 PM

Prayer Leader: David O.

Location: The Cenacle

Refreshments: David O.

Roll Call – Present: Fr. Bill Marks, Nathan Campbell, Kirstia Cropper, Jesse Cleary, Jerry French & John Hibner. Absent: Spenser Hanson & James Haeberle. Guest: Angi Swiezy (Coordinator of Catechesis and Parish Life)

Finance Council Presentation:

Marty Meyer of the St. Mark Finance Council submitted a report regarding the parish finances and answered questions.

Ordinary collections for fiscal year were within \$325 of the budgeted amount. The school used only \$84,000 of the subsidy budgeted for the school. Overall, the parish ended up with a surplus of \$113,000.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as written.

For the Good of the Parish

The council received several submissions which were signed and responses were directed to those individuals. The council responded to one submission via a bulletin submission requesting those involved in the liturgical ministries confirm their contact information with the parish office to provide for better communication when trying to fill vacancies in the schedule. Ministers were also asked to find their own replacements if they are unable to serve during their scheduled Mass.

Update on Pastoral Council Goals

To increase the benefits of having the "For the Good of the Parish".

Jesse and James are working on ways to increase the usage of the For the Good of the Parish box in the Narthex and the website form. New website form submissions will be sent to Jesse and James directly via Email.

To work towards improving communications throughout the parish structure.

David & Spenser have been working together to keep the website up to date. Pastoral Council pictures were scheduled for 8/30/18 at 7:30 PM. Further communication opportunities may be presented once the ParishSoft database is rolled out to the entire parish and it is clearer how that tool can be used to communicate.

To find new avenues to evangelize; especially adults between the ages of 21 and 35.

Kirstia and John have been researching ways to engage the young adults of our community and are considering "Lager & Logos" and "Theology on Tap" events as well as doing a mixer around Christmas break.

Old Business

The Nov/Dec Pastoral Council meeting was set for 12/6/18.

The discussion regarding the 2019-2020 Pastoral Council selection/nominations was moved to the September meeting

The discussion regarding the 2019 St. Mark Feast Day Dinner was moved to the September meeting.

Open Forum

It was suggested that the council should invite St. Mark School Principal, Rusty Albertson, to the September meeting to give an update on the school.

It was also suggested that parish staff members Joe Horan and Alison Archer be asked to join the council as guests for a future meeting.

Misc. Ministry, Youth , & Faith Formation

John Hibner compiled a report regarding the miscellaneous ministries. All of the ministries are doing well. Rita East reported that the Small Church Communities would like suggestions on how to promote with the goal to create an 8th group. The Cub Scouts had a successful registration night and recruited both boys and girls from Holy Name, St. Roch, and St. Mark. Space and adult volunteers are concerns. The Boy Scouts have three boys who have or will be earning the rank of Eagle within this year. Two of the three key leaders are planning on stepping down by the end of the school year.

The St. Mark Youth began the year with a picnic at the Albertson home. 30+ youth and many families attended the event. A tailgate event before the 8/31 Roncall football game is scheduled. The St. Mark Youth will also be assisting in the set up for the parish picnic. Confirmation begins with an organizational meeting on 9/23 at 6 pm in the church.

The Faith Formation Commission started Children's Catechesis on 8/5. Approx. forty children enrolled and new participants are expected to join throughout the year. First Sacramental prep began on 8/19. Meetings have moved to Sunday afternoons. Four Girl Scouts are working on the Marian Medal (7th – 9th grade.) They should complete this program in August and receive their awards in 02/2019. Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on 9/9/18 during the 9:30 am Mass. Michelle Goss will be joining as a Catechist as long-serving Catechist Paula Miller leaves to pursue other ministries. Vacation Bible School had approx. seventy children attend each night. RCIA will begin on 9/5. Special Religious Education will resume in September. A new resource, FORMED, is now available to all parishioners which provides access to Catholic content via e-books, audio books, and video. The content has been soft launched and will roll out parish wide soon. The Spiritual Life committee is researching Bible study selections for a Bible study to be offered during Sept. and Oct. 2018. Coffee and Donuts will be undergoing changes including the variety of donuts and the offering of tea provided by the Burmese

parishioners. The Outreach Ministries are combining into a single group for holiday giving in the attempt to reduce assistance redundancy and to reach a greater population in need. Representatives from HOOP, SVdP, Christmas Store, & St. Mark School are working with Fr. Bill and Angi Swiezy to coordinate the holiday giving this year.

Thank you cards/congratulations

The council suggested the following groups or individuals receive a thank you card.

- Paula Miller for her many years of service as a CLOW catechist.
- Cindy Able for her work with Coffee and Donuts
- Ambrose Kap for his work providing tea during Coffee and Donuts
- Tom Jackson for organizing the Boy Scouts in cleaning the Bus Bay.
- The St. Mark Men's Club for their work on the school playground.

Upcoming Events –

- Aug 25th – Men's Club Annual St. Mark Golf Outing at Winding River Golf Club
- Aug 31st – Middle School Tailgate Party at Roncalli
- Sep 8th – Sister Circle Annual Ladies Day of Reflection at Beech Grove Benedict Inn
- Sep 22nd – Sister Circle planned Parish Picnic after 5:30 PM Mass held in the courtyard
- Sep 22nd – Hope Ride to benefit SVDP
- Sep 23rd – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Sep 29th & Sep 30th – St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday
- Oct 26-28th – Archdiocese Being and Belonging retreat for Separated & Divorced Catholics

Reminders

- Next Meeting – September 27, 2018**
- Prayer Leader – John Hibner**
- Refreshments – Kirstia Cropper**