

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Minutes September, 2018

Meeting Time: September 27, 2018 7:00 PM

Location: The Cenacle

Prayer Leader: John Hibner

Refreshments: Kirstia Cropper

Roll Call –

Present: Fr. Bill Marks, Nathan Campbell, Spenser Hanson, John Hibner, James Haeberle, Bric Shires, Kirstia Cropper, Jerry French, David Olivares. Absent: Jesse Cleary. Guest: Angi Swiezy, Coordinator of Catechesis & Parish Life.

Finance Council

Molly Burns attended the meeting and updated the council on the Finance Council's Sept. meeting. The year end (6/30/18) parish financial statements have been finalized. Joe Horan will be submitting the annual report to the Archdiocese at the end of Sept. The accounting software conversion is complete. Ordinary collections ending 8/31/18 were approx. \$10k under budget, but \$2k over same time last year. Repairs to the boiler pipes in Msgr. Schafer Hall were completed at a cost of approx. \$3,400. Replacements for 2 a/c units for the church totaled approx. \$15k and were paid for using income from the festival.

Presentation by Rusty Albertson, School Principal

Rusty Albertson led a tour of the school for the council members. Rusty discussed the current state of the school. Enrollment has increased to approx. 400 students, up from 169 10 years ago. Currently 25 students/class and 2 classes/grade. The school will likely enroll 450-475 students within the next 5-10 years with a cap at 500 students due to facility constraints. 65-70% of the students receive voucher assistance. 80% of the students are catholic. The school recently achieved an A rating.

Approval of Minutes

Approved as written.

Good of the Parish

One submission was received and passed to Andy Eagan.

Old Business:

1. The council decided to not host the St. Mark Feast Day Dinner in 2018 due to the timing of St. Mark's Feast Day & how it falls in the Easter season.

Update on Pastoral Council Goals –

1. To increase the benefits of having "For the Good of the Parish." Jesse Cleary and James Haeberle are putting together bulletin submissions/inserts for inclusion in the bulletin twice a year to remind parishioners about "For the Good of the Parish."
2. To work towards improving communications throughout the parish structure. Over the course of the year, Spenser Hanson and David Olivares will be working with the school administration to find ways to keep the parishioners updated on the school and school parents updated on the parish.
3. To find new avenues to evangelize; especially adults between the ages of 21 and 35. John Hibner and Kirstia Cropper are continuing to explore ways to get our young adults more active in the parish. In addition, they are identifying opportunities for working with the school to reach young adult parents of students.

Discussions:

1. The council elected to continue with the current selection/nomination process for the 2019-2020 Pastoral Council. Additional efforts will be made in getting more nominees through invitation by the current council members.

Stewardship, Faith Formation, & Youth Ministry Reports

The Stewardship Education & Appeal Ministry was recently formed to make people aware of opportunities to participate in the mission of the parish as well as to invite and encourage parishioners to increase contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

Discussion regarding the fallout of the sex scandal

The council voiced the opinion that both Fr. Bill and Fr. Jerry had adequately addressed the scandal during their homilies at Mass and that anyone wanting further spiritual guidance regarding this matter would seek out Fr. Bill individually.

Thank you cards/congratulations

O'Riley Funeral Home for giving a couch and chair to the rectory.
Sister Circle for providing the food at the parish picnic.
Julie Albertson for arranging the DJ at the parish picnic.
Pete Masengale for providing the fire pits at the parish picnic.
Andy Eagan & the Liturgy Committee for their work at the parish picnic Mass.

Upcoming Events

- Sep 29th & Sep 30th – St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday
- Oct 7th – Central Indiana Life Chain
- Oct 12th – Franks & Beads
- Oct 18th-21st – Women's Cursillo Weekend
- Oct 26-28th – Archdiocese Being and Belonging retreat for Separated & Divorced Catholics
- Oct 27th – Holy Fire Middle School Youth Event in Chicago
- Nov 1st – All Saints Day
- Nov 10th – Bingo Bash

Reminders

- Next Meeting – October 25, 2018**
- Prayer Leader – Kirstia Cropper**
- Refreshments – Kirstia Cropper**