

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Minutes July, 2018

Meeting Time: July 26, 2018 7:00 PM

Prayer Leader: Nathan C.

Location: Parish Center Boardroom

Refreshments: Nathan C.

Scripture/Shared Prayer: Nathan C.

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

Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as written.

Orientation of new members and update of council binders:

Fr. Bill discussed how the council functioned last year and how the council wanted to function for the upcoming year. Fr. Bill also discussed the differences between a Parish Council and a Pastoral Council as presented to us by Mickey Lentz at our June meet and greet meeting. Angi passed out updated organizational charts, St. Mark Commissions, Committees, & Ministries list, & the new Opportunities for Service Forms. Father Bill went over and explained the updated organizational chart and how the Pastoral Council fits into the organizational chart.

Training for council members on new ParishSoft software by Donna Kern .

The Parish staff has begun implementing the new ParishSoft software. ParishSoft is replacing the old PDS software the parish used for managing the parishioner database, accounting, and other parish needs.

Training sessions are being scheduled in August for group ministries. The pastoral council reviewed the information videos for registration and the introduction to the software. The council discussed issues the council felt might come up when rolled out to the parish with Donna and Angi and supported the decision to implement ParishSoft.

The parish-wide roll out of the ParishSoft software is slated for some time in autumn.

Discernment of Executive Committee Members, Ministry Representatives, and Thank-you card coordinator –

Discernment of council member to serve as Executive Committee Chairperson for the 2018-2019 year.

Nathan Campbell was discerned to be the Executive Committee Chairperson.

Discernment of council member to serve as Executive Committee Vice-chairperson for the 2018-2019 year.

Spenser Hanson was discerned to be the Executive Committee Vice-Chairperson.

Discernment of council member to serve as Executive Committee Secretary for the 2018-2019 year.

David Olivares was discerned to be the Executive Committee Secretary.

Discernment of 4 council members to serve as representatives to St. Mark's four ministry groups.

John Hibner was discerned to continue being the representative for the Misc. ministry groups.

Bric Shires was discerned in absentia to continue being the representative for the Spiritual Life ministry groups. Bric has since agreed to continue representing this ministry.

Kirstia Cropper was discerned to being the representative for the Outreach ministry groups.

James Haeberle was discerned to continue being the representative for the Stewardship ministry groups.

Discernment of council member to handle thank you cards for the 2018-2019 year.

Jerry French was selected in absentia to handle thank you cards for the 2018-2019 year. Jerry had previously communicated his preference for this assignment.

Assignment of council members to work on the 2018-2019 council goals.

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

Jesse Cleary and James Haeberle have accepted this assignment.

To direct Council Meetings toward an advisory discussion and less assimilating information.

Bric Shires and Jerry French were assigned in absentia. If Bric or Jerry decides not to work on this goal, Nathan Campbell will accept this assignment.

To work towards improving communications throughout the parish structure.

Spenser Hanson and David Olivares have accepted this assignment.

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

John Hibner and Kirstia Cropper have accepted this assignment.

For the Good of the Parish

Discussion of submission for the Good of the Parish:

The council had an anonymous submission related to children running around during coffee and doughnuts and how that might impact parishioners holding a hot cup of coffee or those with stability issues.

The council discussed creating a children's area and having teen volunteers entertain the kids with activities.

The council had an anonymous submission related to the number of people and the undesirable behavior of children in the Narthex during Mass.

The council discussed that the Narthex was always planned as a space for families to worship with young children as to not interrupt the worship of parishioners in the Sanctuary. The Hospitality Ministers will make sure all those worshipping in the Narthex know that they are welcome to join the main congregation in the Sanctuary during Mass.

Open forum for any topic that council members would like to bring to the council for discussion.

Pastoral Council pictures will be taken once Jerry is well.

The St. Mark FunFest Festival raised \$25,000 net income over the two days it was held. The council discussed thoughts and suggestions that the council noticed about the festival and will forward them on to the FunFest Committee Chair.

Fr. Bill informed the council that parishioner, Alison Archer, has joined the parish staff as the Director of Parish Services. Alison's responsibilities will include receptionist of our Parish Center, secretarial duties, parish communication, and administrative tasks.

Fr. Bill informed the council that he was looking at setting aside time for the office staff and him to host a brief town hall meeting once a month where parishioners could ask questions regarding the parish.

Fr. Bill announced that he is looking for volunteers to start the Men's Rise Up program that would start in September. The program would consist of watching a video and then contacting a partner to discuss.

Thank you cards/congratulations

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

Jim O'Brien for being the co-chair of the St. Mark FundFest
Reggie Geier for being the co-chair of the St. Mark FundFest
Donna Kern for researching and implementing the Parishsoft software
Rusty Albertson for being general engineer for the overhaul of the bathrooms
Mickey Lentz for speaking at the June Pastoral Council Meet and Greet
Margaret Kennedy for stepping in while looking for a new Director of Parish Services
Sherry Brett for stepping in while looking for a new Director of Parish Services
Linda Coleman for stepping in while looking for a new Director of Parish Services
Bill Sherman and Wilma Cross for their service to the Pastoral Council.

Upcoming Events –

- July 28th – Q-tips and Cotton Tops at Mallow Run Winery Picnic Concert Series 5:30pm
- Aug 4th - 9th Annual Houses to Homes Event at Primo Banquet and Conference Center
- Aug 5th – Golden Jubilee 2pm at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral
- Aug 13th – St. Mark Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes
- Aug 25th – Men's Club Annual St. Mark Golf Outing at Winding River Golf Club
- Sep 8th – Sister Circle Annual Ladies Day of Reflection at Beech Grove Benedict Inn

Reminders

- Next Meeting – August 23, 2018**
- Prayer Leader – David Olivares**
- Refreshments – David Olivares**