

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Minutes February, 2019

Meeting Time: February 28, 2019 7:00 PM

Location: The Cenacle

Prayer Leader: James Haeberle

Refreshments: James Haeberle

Roll Call –

Present: Fr. Bill Marks, Nathan Campbell, Kirstia Cropper, James Haeberle, Jerry French, John Hibner, David Olivares
Absent: Bric Shires, Jesse Cleary, Spenser Hanson

Finance Council

Ben Briggeman reported on the Feb. Finance Council meeting. The budget is sound with just a \$5000 variance at the end of Jan. and all financial statements have been reviewed through 1/31/19 with no major issues.

The internal control audit required by the Archdiocese was completed in early Dec. and all responses to the exceptions in the report will be submitted by the end of the month.

Several St. Mark endowment funds earmarked for the school will be available for the school use in upcoming budgets.

The various ministries will receive their 2019-2020 budget forms by March 1 with the goal that the budget forms will be submitted by 4/10/19.

The Finance Council has representation on the Building & Grounds, Stewardship, and Strategic Planning committees in order to monitor the issues being discussed in these financially related committees.

The school is nearly at capacity and the Finance Council has asked the Principal and the School Commission for future enrollment projections so the Finance Council can discuss any expansion needs and the financial feasibility of meeting those needs.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes will be approved in the March meeting.

Youth Ministry

Julie Albertson joined us to update the council on the Youth Ministry activities of the parish. The St. Mark youth are preparing for the Good Friday "Way of the Cross" & NCYC being hosted in Indianapolis in Nov. Several St. Mark youth won the Spirit of Service award this year.

Julie also identified some challenges the ministry faces going forward. These challenges include: 1. Societal changes regarding faith and religion need to be confronted. 2. More emphasis needs to be placed on the importance of Mass for both parents and kids. 3. Incorporating family members in the Youth Ministry events. 4. Creating groups in high school and college for the kids to connect with each other.

St. Mark Athletics

Kris Able joined us regarding St. Mark Athletics. The program is going well overall. The new score board is working well in the gym. Specific challenges going forward were identified: 1. The need to get more participation from the Burmese kids. 2. More parents are needed as volunteers. 3. The space in the gym is limited and the lighting in the gym is inadequate. There is a possibility of a grant to AstroTurf the field if the council decides the benefits outweigh the negatives.

Burmese Ministry

Fr. David discussed the Burmese Ministry. We are currently celebrating 2-3 baptisms and weddings per month. The community has been participating in days of reflections, prayer meetings, and praying the rosary Sat. nights. We currently have about 135 Burmese families.

Discussions:

Good of the Parish

No submissions were received for discussion.

Check-in on Pastoral Council Goals – (15 min)

1. To increase the benefits of having "For the Good of the Parish." Jesse Cleary and James Haeberle (5 min)

Nothing new discussed.

2. To work towards improving communications throughout the parish structure. Spenser Hanson and David Olivares (5 min)

Nothing new discussed.

3. To find new avenues to evangelize; especially adults between the ages of 21 and 35. John Hibner and Kirstia Cropper (5 min)

A group of St. Mark young adults met regarding starting a Young Adult Ministry. The group includes Sarah Huber, Alex Wilson, Kristine Meyer, and David Meyer.

The group will have a presence at the upcoming Ministry Fair and will be including information regarding the new group in the bulletins.

The group envisions gathering once a month with various activities including athletics, bible study, service projects, and social gatherings.

Thank you cards/congratulations

- Sarah & Gene Vivo – Dinner Dance chairpersons
- Julie Albertson for presenting at the council meeting
- Kris Able for presenting at the council meeting
- Fr. David for presenting at the council meeting
- St. Mark Young Adult Ministry members
- Donna Kern for spearheading the My Own Church rollout and implementation

2019/2020 Pastoral Council Nomination Dates

- Nomination period: 4/27 – 5/26/19
- Pulpit Announcement at Mass: 4/27/19
- Executive Committee information meeting for nominees: 5/30/19
- Discernment of new Pastoral Council Members at Pentecost: 6/9/19
- 2019-2020 Pastoral Council Meet & Greet Dinner – 6/27/19