

## **St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Minutes January, 2019**

**Meeting Time:** January 25, 2019 7:00 PM

**Location:** The Cenacle

**Prayer Leader:** Jesse Cleary

**Refreshments:** Jesse Cleary

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

### **Finance Council – (10 min)**

Bob Swayze updated the council on the financial state of the parish. Financial statements have been reviewed and were found to be in order. Ordinary collections were about \$4,900 short of budgeted amount through 12/31/18. The internal control audit performed by the Archdiocese which indicated no major deficiencies and the minor items found to be out of compliance are being addressed. Rusty Albertson, School Principal, attended the Finance Council meeting to discuss the need for additional classroom space for the coming years and the increased cash flow needs related to the voucher program being an increasingly larger percentage of the school tuition income.

### **Approval of Minutes – (1 min)**

The minutes were approved as written.

### **Stewardship Committee – (15 min)**

Carol Pitzer informed the council about the start of the Stewardship Committee. The committee is hosting a ministry fair to be held the weekend of March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the theme "His Heart, Our Hands." Future plans will be made to have an annual spring parish-level appeal in addition to the United Catholic Appeal. It was asked that the pastoral council would help promote the ministry fair and also have a booth at the fair.

### **Maturing Adult Ministry - (20 min)**

Steve Hemlich discussed the start of the Ministry for Maturing Adults. This ministry for parishioners 55 and older is being started to address the spiritual needs parishioners have as they transition into different phases of their lives. The focus

will be on offering spiritual development offerings, continued learning classes, opportunities to serve others, opportunities to be served and social gatherings and events.

## **Discussions:**

### **Outreach, Faith Formation, & Youth Ministry Reports (5 Min)**

Faith formation: The Children's Catechesis began on 1/6/19. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking religious assessments which allows us to evaluate our areas of strength and weakness. This assessment will allow us to make adjustments to the program.

The children in the First Sacramental Prep celebrated their First Reconciliation on 11/27/18. We had five priests help celebrate the sacrament.

Spiritual Life: The Find Your Greatness event was rescheduled to 9/7/19 due to inclement weather. We are hosting a talk by Fr. Dan Bedel on St. Catherine of Sienna and Her Spiritual Writings on 2/10/19.

Outreach: The Holiday giving efforts were successful in helping over fifty families with food, clothing, household goods or housing/utility needs. Wishing Well, Catholic Charities Christmas Store, St. Vincent de Paul, and the St. Mark parishioners through Families and Need and the HOOP Advent Tree all provided assistance. Over \$10,000 was raised through the Advent Giving Tree which assists the Families in Need and HOOP ministries.

### **Good of the Parish – (35 min)**

We had fourteen submissions this month. Several concerns came in regarding the condition of the restroom located at the east end of the Narthex. The concerns were addressed by Business Manager, Joe Horan. The remaining were discussed and given to the relevant parties for resolution.

### **Check-in on Pastoral Council Goals – (15 min) 2 Timothy 4:5**

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

Completed the bulletin submission form to be included in the bulletin twice yearly.

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

Currently providing website/tech support for rolling out ParishSoft over the next few months.

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

John and Kirstia are meeting with 4 young adults from the parish to get ideas on how to get engagement from the young adults.

## **Open Forum (10 Min)**

### **Thank you cards/congratulations (3 min)**

- Rick Laker – VP Men’s Club & Building & Grounds Committee
- Carol Pitzer – Representative for the Stewardship Committee
- Steve Hemlich – Representative for the Ministry for Maturing Adults
- Holiday Giving Team (Becky Weber, Patty Schmalz, Daryl Fry, Dewayne and Karen Boyer, Mary Masengale, Bob and Lois Kattau and Carol Grimes)
- Music Ministry for Christmas music & Holy Season Concert

## **Upcoming Events**

- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – PTG Spaghetti Dinner
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Middle School Youth Rally
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Scout Sunday
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior Retreat
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Mark Dinner Dance
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

## **Reminders**

- Next Meeting – February 28, 2019**
- Prayer Leader – James Haeberle**
- Refreshments – James Haeberle**

## **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