

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Minutes October, 2018

Meeting Time: October 25, 2018 7:00 PM

Location: The Cenacle

Prayer Leader: Kirstia Cropper

Refreshments: Kirstia Cropper

Roll Call –

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

Finance Council

Marty Meyer presented the Finance Council Meeting Report for October. Weekly collection results and a quarterly recap of YTD totals vs. budget will be included in the bulletins. Rita Kelter has been assisting the business manager by reviewing monthly bank account reconciliations and cash discernments. After many years of service, she is retiring. Joe Horan will seek her replacement. All requests for donations/advertising the parish receives will now be recommended for approval or denial by the finance council. The various ministries will now receive statements regarding their ministry's cash receipts and disbursements. A member of the finance council will work with the ministries with questions regarding their budgets and statements. July financials were reviewed with no exceptions noted. The parish is in good financial health.

Approval of Minutes

Approved as written.

Parish Life, Faith Formation, & Youth Ministry Reports

- Children's Catechesis is progressing well. First Reconciliation is scheduled for 11/27. Twelve Wolves (2nd grade) are working on the Light of Christ Award and four Webelos I (4th grade) are currently working on their Parvuli Dei Medal. They will complete the programs in Nov. and receive their awards in Feb. 2019. We currently have six participants in RCIA. A Day of Reflection and Rite of Acceptance will be held at the 5:30 Mass on Sat. 11/11. We have one child who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.
- The Spiritual Life Committee offered a Scriptural Rosary on Oct. 7th. Fifteen

people attended. Another Rosary will be offered on Oct. 28th. They have also offered Augustine's Institute's *Lectio: Prayer - Finding Intimacy with God* six session series which has been held on Monday evenings in the Media Center from October 8th through November 12th . Twenty-four people have attended the sessions and it is also available online through FORMED.

- Coffee & Donuts is adapting to the new format and using Parishsoft for scheduling. The Burmese Community will add a team to the rotation. The new variety of donuts has been well received.
- Our Holiday Giving Team has received 45 nomination letters which were reviewed and assigned to the appropriate organizations according to the need. A coat and boot drive will be held in November to help with the need.

Discussions:

The members held discussions on "What is it about St. Mark, as a faith community, that is special for you and the lives of others?" and "What are the three most important qualities or strengths that you want to keep and preserve as St. Mark moves into the future?"

Good of the Parish

Two submissions were received. The first requested that the time of the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass be moved to 5:00 pm. We responded to the individual regarding reasons for the selection of the 5:30 pm Mass time. The second suggested that the parishioners in the pews greet each other in the minutes before the start of Mass instead of the "moment of silence" we practice now. The idea will be forwarded on to the Liturgy Committee for discussion.

Additional Discussions:

1. Does the St. Mark Mission Statement enable the parish to fulfill the mission that Christ Jesus gave to his church on earth in Matthew 28:19-20.

Members felt the current Mission Statement does fulfill the mission given to us by Jesus.

2. Are you happy with the current format of the Pastoral Council meetings?

Members present could not think of a better format for the meetings.

3. Does the Pastoral Council want the parish to promote & help send young adult parishioners to the SEEK2019 event being held in Indianapolis 1/3/19 – 1/7/19?

The council suggested that Julie Albertson may be able to provide a list of college-age parishioners who may wish to attend. We can gauge interest and decide what level of support the parish can provide.

Update on Pastoral Council Goals –

1. To increase the benefits of having “For the Good of the Parish.” Jesse Cleary and James Haeberle have put 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 parish staff incorporating ParishSoft and 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.

Thank you cards/congratulations

Bill Smith for creating the ParishSoft training powerpoint.

Nick Martin for helping with the Liturgical Ministry Schedule on ParishSoft.

Cyndi Able & Ann Berkemeier for their work with Coffee & Donuts

Ambrose Kap & the Burmese community for providing the meal for the dedication of the Marian Grotto.

Rita Kelter for her many years of service as a bookkeeper for the parish.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Dec 2nd - Advent Prayer Service
- Dec 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 9th – Advent Prayer Service

Reminders

- Next Meeting – December 06, 2018**
- Prayer Leader – David Olivares**
- Refreshments – John Hibner**