

Pastoral Council
St. Mark Pastoral Council
September 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Parish Social Hall

Minutes

Review of Financials: Addie Berg reviewed the financial status of the parish which remains quite positive.

Old Business

1. **Altar Society Update regarding the Fall Dinner:** Addie Berg discussed with the committee members the consensus of the fall dinner subcommittee meeting that discussed menu options and whether to have the fall dinner. After discussion, it was decided to stay with the turkey dinner in a spirit of community good will. A lengthy discussion was held to determine whether to have the dinner again. The overwhelming sentiment was the desire for a fall dinner to bring community together. However, given the unpredictable nature of the Delta Covid variant, and the unpredictability of how much food to prep in a time where the cases are anticipated to increase again, the committee was not confident to hold a dinner at this time. A question was posed whether to hold a meal that would be exclusively takeout. After conversation, it was decided to forgo an exclusively takeout meal. The committee wants to have an occasion where people can gather in community. It was decided to defer the conversation for a later time when we are less burdened by the Covid complication and community can gather with a higher degree of predictable safety.
2. **Hospital Update:** Warren Emmer updated the Committee on the hospital. Given the concern for an increase in Covid cases and regulations requiring prudential calls, there will be occasions where in the hospital is closed to the public, as well as for religious services.
3. **Southeast Door Update to Church:** Father Kadlec updated team that the southeast door is due to be installed by mid-October.
4. **Flowers and plants around rectory and Mary's Garden and lilac pruning/shrub pruning around the church:** When last we met in the month of May, there was a question about the state of the outdoor plants/shrubs. Since that conversation, Martha and Bruce Biewer have graciously agreed to look after the plants around the rectory and Mary Garden. Lenny McGuire and help have been pruning the lilacs and shrubs near the parking lot, around the memorial, and around church.

New Business

- s. **How to address our cemeteries' repairs?** After discussion, the following is decided:
Tarsus
 - a) Un-mowed entrance to the cemetery: Addie Berg has agreed to field this.
 - b) The monument is in need of attention, patching and painting: Warren Emmer and Wayne Barbot have agreed to bring this to the attention of the Knights of Columbus.

- c) Gate is hanging and needs repair: Warren Emmer and Wayne Barbot have agreed to bring this to the attention of the Knights of Columbus.

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- d) Veteran memorial poles are bent and need replacing: The veterans will be contacted under the leadership of Colonel Wondrasek to solicit their help in this matter.
 - e) Flag pole is down and needs replacing: The veterans will be contacted under the leadership of Colonel Wondrasek to solicit their help in this matter.
 - f) Trees require trimming and cleaning underneath: Warren Emmer and Wayne Barbot have agreed to bring this to the attention of the Knights of Columbus.
 - g) Decorations on the cemetery fence need replacing: Father Kadlec informed the committee a concerned parishioner has agreed to take on this project.
6. **Time to make annual Food Pantry donation?** Addie Berg informed our committee that the parish makes an annual donation to the Food Pantry. The committee agreed by consensus to forward to the Finance Council this Council's recommendation to continue this donation.
 7. **Lahr Donation: Earmarked for clavinova?** The Lahr family has made a donation to the parish. As a follow-up to previous council meetings, there is a need to pursue the purchase of a clavinova for the choir loft. Consensus of the pastoral council was to earmark that donation toward the acquisition of a clavinova.
 8. **What is our philosophy of benefits?** The committee shared that the history and practice of the parish is to wait for interested/concerned citizens (parishioners) at the grassroots of the community to spearhead any given effort/cause/benefit. From there, the parish will discern what investment of time, energy and resources to give in support toward concerned citizens' given effort.
 9. **What are the terms of our members as we look to elections?** A list of members and their respective terms was shared with the Council. There were questions posed about the list. Father Kadlec agreed to go back to previous minutes to verify the information.
 10. **Ice Melt Product: What is the best to use?** This conversation was previously started. In the meantime, this conversation was tabled until the counsel of Jessica Tagestad can be sought.
 11. **Shut-In Conversation:** In Covid, a discussion was made regarding how to reach our shut-in's. Ideas were proffered. We were unable to come to consensus at this time. Further discussion is needed.
 12. **St. Joseph Foundation:** Warren Emmer shared some details regarding the monies received from the St. Joseph Foundation that the Bottineau Area Christian Ministerial Association uses to help the poor and needy.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jared Kadlec
Pastor