

St. Mark Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 10/20/22

Introduction

Meeting held Thursday, October 20, 2022, led by Vice President Paul Sundberg.

Meeting was hybrid – both in-person and via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Fr. Maurer, Dirk Bartram, Gina Olsen, Patsy Riley, Paul Sundberg

Virtually Present: Mary Ann Draye, Sean Malone, Abner Manahan

Absent: none

Opening Prayer: Vespers held in chapel at 6:30 PM

Review of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and amended.

Amended minutes have been adopted unanimously and will be published.

Old Business

- I. Social Events Charter: reviewed overall goal for charter. Discussed line between social events and faith formation – what counts as which? – to delegate contact persons in office. Decided to announce call for volunteers weekend of Nov. 12th/13th to plan social events for the upcoming year.

New Business

- I. Parish Updates
 - a. Perpetual Adoration: still looking for coordinators/leaders. Considering starting smaller – “40 Hours Devotion”, Friday Night Mercy Night, etc. – to build back up to perpetual.
 - b. Homebound Ministry: interest meetings gained around 10-12 sign-ups. Working on training and commissioning volunteers with aims to launch around Nov. 20th. Planning to review notes from Call-A-Thon for potential cases of need.
 - c. Parish Security: planning to install direct video feed from church to parish office, as mentioned in letter to parish. Recommitting to locking doors, continuing with closing church outside of office hours (9-4). Fencing will be put up behind church.
 - d. Mass Counts/YTD Contribution: averaging 504 attendees per weekend. Lowest attendance consistently at 5 PM vigil (avg. 114). Planning to send out appeal letter to parishioners this upcoming weekend to address financial deficit. Discussed potential speakers to announce appeal at later Masses (weekend of Oct. 29th/30th). Finance council will meet next Wednesday – liaison Dirk Bartram will be in attendance and take pastoral council’s thoughts and concerns to them.
- II. Upcoming Council Year: council agreed to continue email thread regarding thoughts on building and maintaining parish attendance and community.

Closing

The meeting was closed with prayer by Father Maurer.

Adjournment Time: 9:00 PM

Next Meeting: November 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM