

Present: Father Maurer, Sean Malone,Paul Sundberg, Pat Riley, Dirk Bartram,MaryAnn Draye, Gina Olsen.

Guest: Todd Chapman.

Absent: Abner Manahan

Opening prayer:Father Maurer

Review of March minutes: minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finance Report: Todd Chapman presented an overview of parish and school finance report and comparison of the budgets over the last 5 years.

There has been an average decline of about 15-18% since 2019.

If the current trend continues, it is forecast that St. Mark will incur a deficit of more than 150,000 dollars by the end of the fiscal year 2023.

Todd explained all the expenditures and answered council members' questions in regard to school and parish budgets,Special loans received and forgiven that will no longer be available, wages of staff, Parish assessment,endowment funds and balance sheets.

Discussion began on how can we begin to reverse the effects of this at St. Mark and increase our revenues to pre pandemic levels. Some thoughts presented dealt with the return of basket collections at mass, promoting increased school registrations and promoting parish membership.

We opted to choose 2 areas of focus to evaluate: Welcome/outreach and Young Adult engagement.

Dirk and MaryAnn will work on a draft proposal for action for the welcome/outreach and design basic charter document to include possible how,who,what and why for discussion at the next meeting.

Gina will do the same for the Young Adult engagement plan.

Intercouncil Brunch: Sean has sent invites to both the School and finance committees and has had some response already. Dirk has arranged for the luncheon.

Parish updates:

Father Maurer was very pleased with the Easter celebrations.

The opening for the Parish Volunteer coordinator has not been filled as no candidates have applied. May need to restructure the office staffing needs to accommodate needs.

Closing prayer: Father Maurer

Adjourned at 8:24 pm