

Pastoral Council

March 17,2022

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

Absent: Abner Manahan

Opening prayer: Fr. Maurer.

Review of February minutes:

The minutes have been reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

Call-a-thon review:

What are the lessons learned?:

People were receptive and appreciated knowing that they mattered to St.Mark.

Home bound ministry is crucial.

There is a desire for return to community events..

Some are still concerned with Covid issues.

We need to delegate more work to others as the volunteers were willing and excited to do more!!

Should we repeat similar event in a year especially to homebound.

Can we explore the possibility on vouchers for transportation with St. Vincent ministry.

Synod:

Tom Martin is gathering info from the Synod listening events here at St.Mark and we hope to have him

Come to May meeting to present a summary and give an update on the current process at the

Archdiocese.

New Business:

Inter Council social event:

Pastoral council will invite school council and financial council members to a mutual mass and brunch

To promote positive support for each other and to receive special blessings.

Date to be April 30,2022 with mass at 9:30 am and brunch to follow.

Sean will coordinate invitations and Dirk will coordinate food.

To be held in Sullivan Hall.

Father Maurer has moved into the St. Mark rectory.

Pastoral council has elected not to assist with the coffee social hour at this time due to need to
Concentrate on our future goals.

Financial Status review:

The council reviewed the financial report sent by Todd and questions arose around the budget that Fr. could not address, therefore, will have Todd come to April meeting to give update on current financial status.

The finance committee is in need of more members as there are currently only 2 parishioners and Father on the council and should have 5 to 9.

It has been difficult to find qualified volunteers with business acume and technology to staff the council.

Council members will attempt to ask people that might be available.

New Ministries and programs:

What new ministries and programs should St.Mark prioritize??

Several suggestions were given including young adult group, resume prolife, senior fraternity, welcoming committee, and social media upgrade.

The top three are: welcoming committee, young adult group, and generational/media.

Council will focus on the top two for now: welcoming committee and young adult group.

Gina will explore options for young adults as she knows a friend that is involved with one now.

What is next for the Council??

Need to set goals and parameters to present to prospective new members and to parishioners.

Establish a mission statement for the council.

Time frame: June/July.

Closing prayer: Father Maurer.

Adjourned at 8:40pm, March 17,2022