

St. Mark Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 11/18/21

Introduction

Meeting held Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Father gave opening prayer

The meeting was held virtually

Attendees included: Dirk Bartram, Paul Sundberg Mary Ann Draye, Pat Riley, Gina Olsen
President Sean Malone was absent.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and amended

Minutes have been adopted unanimously and will be published

Evangelization

Council spent majority of meeting discussing how to address evangelism questions from previous meeting. Decision was made to begin by attempting to reengage St. Mark Parish community to return to in-person Mass and to find a way to reach the homebound.

In order to attempt to meet this challenge, the decision was made to institute a phone calling campaign to as many parishioners as possible. Members Mary Ann Draye and Gina Olsen have agreed to spearhead this project. It is hoped that the campaign can be initiated in time to reach everyone during the Christmas season.

Issues to address include (but are not limited to):

- Where to set up – parish office
- Who can we enlist to do callings – Knights, Guild, volunteers?
- When to start – will need to moderate due to events/holiday
- How to prioritize what group to start with:
 - Regular attendees but not involved
 - Those supporting financially but not attending
 - Homebound – how can we help to include them?
 - The “nones” and fallen away
- Develop a script for calls – may need branches/flow chart
- Should there be a follow up mailing

Fr. Maurer will set up virtual space for conversations with team members.

Synod Update

The official instruction for Parish representatives will begin December 6, 2021. Tom Martin has graciously agreed to be one of St. Mark leaders and has begun the required online instruction. Fr. Maurer continues to search for a second representative.

Parish Updates

1. Heating issue resolved for now
2. Lectors and ushers
 - a. Fr. is looking for Volunteer Coordinator for lectors
 - b. Usher training has begun
 - c. Still seeking sacristans

3. Meeting Time Change: council will move to the third (3rd) Thursday of each month starting in January 2022
4. Fr. continues to look for a council representative from our Filipino community. Suggestion was also made to include a school board member.
5. Staff Position:
 - a. Description has been written and approved
 - b. Fr. hopes to rename title, from “Pastoral Assistant for Parish Involvement”
 - c. Fr. will email official diocese job description to council members, though it has been adjusted to meet St. Mark needs
 - d. Listing for position to be posted soon

The meeting was closed with prayer by Vice President Dirk Bartram.
Next meeting: December 16, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.