

Pastoral Council Meeting

June 16, 2022

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

Opening prayer: Pat Riley

Review May minutes: minutes reviewed and approved.

Liaison to School Commission: Paul has accepted this position and will reach out to Kathy Keck via email. The main function will be to provide updated information between the council and the school commission.

Liaison to Finance Council: Dirk has agreed to represent the council and will reach out to Todd via email. Suggested representative from the Finance council might be Kim Brown.

Parish staff position:

Father Maurer gave update on job description for the office receptionist/ volunteer coordinator.

This will be a merging of Lauras and Veronicas responsibilities and will include:

Data entry for parish will be the main responsibility along with phones and other office needs.

Provide parish communication via website, bulletin and social media.

Volunteer coordination between parish ministries.

Set up meetings as necessary for arranging weddings, funerals and baptisms.

There have not been many applications so far, possibly due to reduced hours, and salary limits at this time.

How can the council help?? We can make suggestions to possible candidates.

Some thoughts on revamping the job description might be to offer a tuition break for children and open to those that are not catholic as long as they have a strong Christian values set and agree to promote the needs and policies of St.Mark.

What are Deacon Kirks roles at St.Mark??

Employee: He is in charge of all Faith Formation, Sacramental prep and education curriculum.

Diaconate: Assist at Mass, Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings as directed by Fr. Maurer.

Parish updates from Fr, Maurer:

Parish mission:Fr. Feels there has not been feedback from parishioners and minimal change.

Did promote the June luncheon and the outcomes there brought about talk about the mission and needs of the parish. Suggestion was for follow up luncheon in late July/early Aug.

The main topics of interest were the rejuvenation of the outbound ministry and the return of the mens Lions Den ministry.

Decision was agreed upon to have follow up brunch on July 9th,2022 at 10:00-12:00 for those that came to the original Leadership lunch to begin to encourage formation of groups of interest and find mutual people to start them. To be held in the cafeteria.

How are we doing as a council??

Fr. Maurer expressed his concern that he has had some negative response from us as to how we are doing.He stated that some had expressed frustration in the lack of communication and input from each other.

We then had open discussion about this and how we can change. Some suggestions were:

Having more council participation in our prayer by rotating presentation of the opening prayer among us and Fr. Maurer giving the blessing and closing pray.

Perhaps we might have prayer in the Chapel and occasionally have a presentation of a favorite Saint

Collaboration approach:

We agreed that our ability to work together was doing okay though we need to be more considerate in providing feedback to each other especially when working on a project. Continue to give kudos for hard work!!

Meeting format seems to be working for everyone at this time and everyone would be somewhat flexible if schedule change would become needed in the future.

Term and Leadership roles:

Fr. explained that the Pastoral terms are usually adjusted in July in line with the fiscal calendar but since we started in September should we defer until then to make any changes.

It was agreed that September would be better for St. Mark at this time.

Currently, we have staggered terms as a new council though the usual term is three years.In the future, members will be assigned for three years

Leadership roles are for one years and will rotate in August,2022.

Charter Draft initiatives:

Discussion of the Young Adult initiative was postponed until the July meeting.

Welcoming initiative:

Dirk and MaryAnn have chosen one area of this charter to begin with:

Parish events: to be held at least quarterly with the goal being to promote and strengthen fellowship and faith throughout St. Mark community.

This could be in collaboration with other ministries and may include social events and/or faith studies such as book reviews, films on church doctrines, bible studies, etc.,,

It is suggested that a task force or events committee be initiated to get this on board and perhaps one council member be part of the initial start up.

Once this is ready to go, to inform the parishioners, it can be included in the bulletin,, The web site and announced at the masses.

Dirk and MaryAnne will work on finalizing the charter for the next meeting.
THANKS Dirk and MaryAnn for all your hard work and commitment to this project!!

Next meeting: July 21,2022 @6:30pm.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Maurer

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm