

St. Mark Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 02/16/23

Introduction

Meeting held Thursday, February 16, 2023, led by President Sean Malone.

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

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

Virtually Present: Mary Ann Draye

Absent: Abner Manahan

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Paul Sundberg

Review of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and amended.

Amended minutes have been adopted unanimously and will be published.

Old Business

No old business needed to be addressed.

New Business

- I. Parish Updates: Father reported positive attendance to Multicultural Dinner. Stations will begin Fridays in Lent.
- II. Relationship with Finance Council:
 - a. Dirk Bartram presented additional data of Sunday offerings. Council noted average annual attendee giving has increased since 2019, though overall collection has decreased.
 - b. Sean Malone presented and reiterated council's role in budget process. Pastoral council may "provide recommendations for parish priorities, directions, and policies" in order to determine parish priorities and goals (Many Gifts: Consultative Leadership, 2021). Council discussed how to set such priorities, as well as what items may be a priority in light of parish's financial situation. Father suggested priorities are: staffing, worship, and catechesis. Discussed priority of school and other hypotheticals.
- III. Partners in the Gospel: Council discussed reactions from parishioners regarding announcement of Partners in the Gospel. Analyzed attractions of parish + type of parishioners attracted to St. Mark. Ideas for increasing attraction included: monthly social events (all-parish), small interest groups meeting regularly, trying new things in worship (adoration, liturgy of the hours, etc.), lively social hour after Masses.

Closing

The meeting was closed with prayer by Father Maurer.

Adjournment Time: 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM