

St. Mark Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 04/20/23

Introduction

Meeting held Thursday, April, 20, 2023, led by Father Maurer.

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

Present: Fr. Maurer, Dirk Bartram, Mary Ann Draye, Gina Olsen, Patsy Riley, Paul Sundberg

Absent: Sean Malone

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Father Maurer.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and amended.

Amended minutes have been adopted unanimously and will be published.

Old Business

- I. Adoration: looking to contact Deacon Kirk about progress on adoration, sign-up structure. Father suggested schedule can be reexamined – possibly different hours available.
- II. Music: Father is working with the music director to restructure music for liturgy. This will include weekly rehearsals, as well as an examination of structure of music.

New Business

- I. Financials: Dirk reported contributions are trending upward. Parish is still looking for \$20,000 makeup in ordinary income. Lion's Drive, opposingly, has collected less than previous year. Council discussed possible options for making up school deficits. Projected school shortfall is \$101,000. Finance council voted for school to repay parish via endowment fund in order to balance budget for current and upcoming year.
- II. Parish Priority Follow-Up:
 - a. School - Father suggested raising subsidy to demonstrate parish's commitment to school. Dirk noted increase should be made by a percent increment. Council voted and agreed nominal increase should take place. Council noted school should additionally consider new avenues of fiscal support. Paul plans to be liaison to school commission at next meeting.
 - b. Worship/Communal Gatherings - Patsy reported positive feedback from attendees to Divine Chaplet and spaghetti dinners. Council agreed finance council can maintain current budget for worship and liturgy.
 - c. Catechesis/Education - Council discussed priority of youth/teens in parish budget. Father suggested social events that bring community together, targeted more generally than events that appeal to specific demographics, or targeted toward youth. Council also evaluated value of catechesis for parishioners/community.
 - d. Continuing conversation: Council wants to invite Deacon Kirk to an upcoming meeting to share ideas and receive input. Father proposed old business next meeting include recapping tonight's discussion. Council suggested meeting Thursday, May 11th, to avoid members' schedule conflicts and finish financial conversation before finance council reconvenes.

Closing

The meeting was closed with prayer by Father Maurer.

Adjournment Time: 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: May 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM