

Parish Council December 16 2021

Attended: Father Maurer, Dirk Barfrom, Gina Olson, Mary Ann Draye, Paul Sundberg, Sean Malone, Patsy Riley

Opening Prayer: Father Maurer

Minutes: Reviewed, accepted

Phone-a-thon

Meeting dedicated to developing the plan for the ST Marks Parish Council call-a-thon. After discussion of the logistics of those already involved actively: Father Maurer stated four ways to measure

1. Those that always volunteer
2. Those that donate frequently
3. Those that consistently receive the sacraments
4. Email and mailings

It was suggested that these groups might be potential candidates to assist with the call-a-thon as well as involving existing ministries IE. The Knights, St Vincent, Guilds.

Discussion was made to have a pilot program to evaluate parishioners receptiveness.

Plan for pilot call

1. Draft of call script was presented by mary ann and was edited and approved
2. Pilot to be held January 5th and 6 2022 from 6-8pm
3. Will need 3-4 people each evening
 - a. Paul dirk, Mary Ann, and Gina have all volunteered
4. To be held at the Parish Office
 - a. Father Maurer will arrange for use of 4 phones
5. Laura has compiled a list of names to start with
6. Paul and Mary Ann will finalize the call draft and will develop a sheet for frequently asked questions

Call Format:

1. Introduce self as a parishioners
2. Reassure this is not a fundraiser
3. Be warm and welcoming
4. Inquire about return to in person mass
5. Ask about concerns
6. How can we help
7. End the call by asking if there is an intention we can pray for
8. Ask to pray the Hail Mary

Paul has volunteered to do a post call calculation of results.

It was suggested to consider a follow up survey at some point for feedback. Also need to keep Tom Martin updated on plan so he can take it to the Archdiocese Synod.

Old Business

1. Lighting in the church - working on identifying which bulbs need to be replaced
2. Continuing quest to find Filipino representative for the council
3. School commission - Kathy Keck will come to the next meeting

New Business

1. Finance council - Reviews school and parish budgets quarterly
 - a. Can it help the parish council discern the ability to implement goals?
2. School commission - helps principle with budget discerning academic program and fundraising. They meet once a month
3. Job status for parish assistant
 - a. Not going out in december
 - b. Budget is set - position will start out as part time to full time at a later date

Future Agenda's

1. Parish council
 - a. Discern our mission
 - b. How is communication
 - c. Is teams working - use for official notes
 - d. Use email for general purpose
2. How are we going to set agenda?
 - a. Leave ideas within a week prior to the next meeting
3. Music
 - a. How to renew our program and involve youth
4. How can the council pray over their work
 - a. Promote inter council Mass or Rosary?
 - b. Mass at 9:30AM on Saturday once a month?
 - c. Dirk and Father will explore options

Meeting Format

1. Should we return to in person meeting?
 - a. Most prefer in person but will still have video for those who prefer
2. Will return to the rectory in January 2022
3. Next meeting is January 20th 2022 at 6:30PM

Closing Prayer

1. Hail Mary

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM