

St. Mark Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 11/17/22

Introduction

Meeting held Thursday, November 17, 2022, led by President Sean Malone.

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

Present: Dirk Bartram, Mary Ann Draye, Sean Malone, Gina Olsen, Patsy Riley, Paul Sundberg

Absent: Fr. Maurer, Abner Manahan

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Gina Olsen

Review of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and amended.

Amended minutes have been adopted unanimously and will be published.

Old Business

- I. Social Events Charter: announcement made by Dirk Bartram at weekend Masses, now waiting on contact to be made by interested parishioners. Tested online sign-up to ensure
- II. Finance Council: Dirk Bartram joined initial finance council meeting. Reported council proposed meeting monthly. Suggested lay chair and/or president with financial background would be beneficial to council. Initiated discussion of what data pastoral council wants/needs to receive from finance council. Pastoral council would like to receive report of available reserves, as well as accurate P&L forecast (including notes) for realistic assessment of parish financial status. Would also like to make input on budget process. Dirk plans to meet with Todd Chapman individually to follow up.
- III. Budgeted Revenue Review: Looked over collection data for fiscal years ending in 2022 and 2023, compiled by Dirk Bartram. Noted collections for FYE 2023 increasing recently over FYE 2022. Current rates show total trackable givers at 195.

New Business

- I. Upcoming Council Year: council following up in person regarding email chain discussing building and maintaining parish attendance and community. Discussed distinguishing between mission to save souls (our Catholic mission) and mission to secure our parish in particular.
 - a. Discussion question posed: “When did Saint Mark see vitality? What is different now?”
 - i. Thriving school + deep connection between school and church
 - ii. Mass elements: senior server program, use of incense, hired musicians
 1. Could we include more servers at Mass/increase rigor? Budget for musicians at special times (Christmas & Easter)?
 - iii. Community events: soup suppers, crab dinners, Simbang Gabi, parish retreats. Cause or effect of a healthy parish community? How can we get individuals to engage with one another?
 - b. Proposed dialogue with Father: how can we increase beauty and reverence of our liturgy?

- i. Introducing optional kneeler at communion, creating designated space for disabled seating to ensure communion reception
- ii. Sean Malone reiterated email proposal of Ad Orientem Mass practice
- iii. Mary Ann Draye noted a needed focus on why we introduce what we introduce – beauty and reverence vs. “show” – and whether this will make a significant impact

Closing

The meeting was closed with prayer by Sean Malone.

Adjournment Time: 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: December 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM