

St. Mark Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes for 1/19/23

*Introduction*

Meeting held Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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

Virtually Present: Fr. Maurer, Abner Manahan

Absent: none

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Sean Malone

\*Secretary's Note: Pastoral Council held Christmas social in lieu of December meeting.

*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 updates: Mary Ann Draye noted one interested volunteer. Plans currently on hold; will table for later business. Noted school/parish are holding events independently of formal overhead organizers. Council is still looking to assemble a team to oversee and assist events.
- II. Finance Council: looking to hold joint meeting soon, especially as finance council plans budget in earnest.
- III. Budgeted Revenue Review: looked over Sunday offering history spanning back to 2016 to examine trends. Dirk Bartram reintroduced collection data for 2022 and 2023 fiscal years. Archdiocese mandates pastoral council, with pastor, decides priorities in budget process. Council discussed extent to which it has this power.

*New Business*

- I. Partners in the Gospel
  - a. Major archdiocesan meeting was recently held, addressing upcoming plan of parish families. Will spend year in discernment of “parish families” – parishes grouped together (2-3), to take effect July 2024. Following three years dedicated to “parish families” becoming one parish: deciding together location, mass times, councils, etc. Projected to merge by 2027, theoretically in singular location.
  - b. Council reflects on ramifications of this. Should council reach out to other parishes to share in discernment process? Council suggests collaborating with nearby parishes for social events. Acknowledged council will likely be highly involved in this process. Discussed other questions and details of this plan for clarity (effect on Catholic schools, plan to share info parish-wide, etc.). Acknowledged emotional processing this will entail, for parishioners and council.

*Closing*

The meeting was closed with prayer by Father Maurer.

Adjournment Time: 8:15 PM

Next Meeting: February 16, 2022 at 6:30 PM