

St. Mark Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes for 03/16/23

*Introduction*

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

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

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

Absent: none

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Dirk Bartram

*Review of Minutes*

Minutes from previous meeting have been adopted unanimously and will be published.

*Old Business*

- I. Partners in the Gospel: no questions were received from parishioners. Father will be attending priestly meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> to view “draft” parish families, which will be presented publicly in July.

*New Business*

- I. Note on member Abner Manahan: due to personal obligations, Abner has stepped down from his role on the council.
- II. Adoration: Dirk reported Saturday sign-ups are attracting same people weekly, though people have been showing up without signing up (ex. 13 attendees from 1pm-2pm). Council discussed contacting David Reed RE changing sign-up method, giving out info, etc. to increase/maintain attendance.
- III. Liturgy (Music, Latin): Mary Ann referenced feedback from parishioners RE changes in music, both positive and negative. Sean, Patsy, and Dirk gave additional notes. Gina provided musician’s perspective. Topics included posting hymn numbers, hymns selected, and structure of music. More information will come in the following weeks as Father communicates with music director.
- IV. Outreach Project: Mary Ann announced donor covering Easter mailer to invite visitors to parish. Mailer includes Holy Week service times, parish address, and map. Draft will be sent via email for council to review when ready. Digital ad campaign will also take place. Council discussed whether to continue with Holy Week deadline or delay mailing to better measure success.
- V. Social/Small Group Updates: tabled for later discussion.
- VI. Financials: Dirk reported info as liaison to Finance Council. Council is requesting priorities from parish council. Dirk also relayed inquiry of operating reserve, school collections share, and the school deficit. Finance Council plans to have 2023 forecast and 2024 budget by their next meeting. Parish council readdressed priority of school brought up in previous meeting. Decided on holding special meeting next Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, to fully discuss priorities, in order to present to finance council before next meeting.

*Closing*

The meeting was closed with prayer by Father Maurer.

Adjournment Time: 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: April 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Special Meeting: March 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM