

St. Mark Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes for 10/19/23

*Introduction*

Meeting held Thursday, October 19, 2023, led by Father Maurer.

Meeting was held in person.

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

Absent: none

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Patsy Riley.

*New Business*

- I. Partners in the Gospel (PitG)
  - a. Parish Feedback Session: Council discussed results of feedback session, including attendance, notes, and prior town hall meeting. Discussed possibility of additional town hall meeting in January/February when parish family is officially announced. Best way to prepare parish for merging is to have conversations.
  - b. Timeline: Council reevaluated timeline of PitG taking effect. July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2027 is the window during which parish families will begin, with the goal of consolidation by end of window.
  - c. Council Role: Council discussed their role in transition period. Role may include preparing practical items for pastor, organizing community efforts to support parishioners, hosting interparish activities. Discussed ways to assist incoming priest – prepare recommendations/input for mass times, liturgy, groups, etc.
    - i. What are the things you don't have to worry about? (What's working well/is stable?) (Groups, programs, aspects, etc. Reasoning.)
    - ii. What is in crisis? What should you focus on?
    - iii. What is on shaky ground – to be aware of but not necessarily need to immediately address?
- II. Pastoral Council
  - a. Makeup: Council discussed potential new members. As new cycle year has begun, changing roles was discussed. President referred to as Chair, Vice President as Vice Chair. Chair and Vice Chair responsible for creating agenda (with input from other members). Chair leads meeting, Vice Chair will act as Secretary.
    - i. Chair: Dirk Bartram
    - ii. Vice Chair/Secretary: Gina Olsen
  - b. Meeting Time: Father Maurer proposed meeting Saturday mornings, 10:30 to 12:00. Meetings will be held second Saturday of each month.

*Closing*

The meeting was closed with prayer by Paul Sundberg.

Adjournment Time: 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: November 11, 2023 at 10:30 AM