

St. Mark Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 12/16/23

Introduction

Meeting held Saturday, December 16, 2023, led by Chair Dirk Bartram.

Meeting was held in person.

Present: Dirk Bartram, Mary Ann Draye, Gina Olsen, Doug Park, Patsy Riley

Absent: Father Maurer, Paul Sundberg

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Dirk Bartram.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed.

Minutes have been adopted unanimously and will be published.

New Business

- I. Prioritizing Parish Ministries/Activities: council discussed priority of addressing parish ministries' and activities' needs. Council began sorting by immediacy of address: immediate, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months. Council is working to establish definition of "priority" and of timeline. Decided some ministries/activities should have needs addressed before Partners in the Gospel parish merging takes place, while some should wait until after merge. Council will continue to sort ministries/activities, then readdress closer to July 1.
- II. Finance Council Liaison Report: Mary Ann reported from finance council. Weekend collections are stable, parish is under budget though not in crisis. School is using endowment fund to pay back loans to parish. School enrollment is up (106 from 97). Finance council is eager to hear results of prioritization.
- III. Pastoral Council Demographics: council readdressed need to have Filipino community at St. Mark represented on the council. Possibility of "general ask" discussed. Discussed new people to ask, for participation or for references. Need for young parent and/or school parent to return to council also brought up.
- IV. Feedback Session 2: Second Partners in the Gospel feedback session discussed. Overall fewer attendees, may mean fewer parishioners are concerned about new family. Some parishioners still generally concerned, despite change in family group. Some parishioners expressed more optimistic view.

Closing

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dirk Bartram.

Adjournment Time: 12:10 PM

Next Meeting: January 13, 2023 at 10:30 AM