

Saint Mark Catholic Church Pastoral Council

Minutes August 22, 2022

In Attendance: Father John Putnam, John Benson, Christine Wladyka, Lisa Daily, Suzanne Broda, Myrna Crosby, David Balmaceda, Peter Miano, Kathleen Harrison, Chad Wilson, Tim O'Bryant, John Ferrannini, Scott Bruno, William Mooney, Fernando DeUrguidi, Matthew Socha, Richard Cataldo, Tricia Sisson, Bobby Minton, Patrick Sisson

Absent: N/A

Prayer -Intercession

Father John

Accept Minutes

Lisa

Guest Speaker- Finance Council

Richard and Matthew

- Offertory was higher than the budget, shortfall for Priest Retirement fund. Some capital improvement projects in process. Approved the budget for 2022/2023. Projected a 3% increase in offertory which is conservative due to possible recession. Total assets have increased year over year; strong and positioned for future growth. 60% of offertory is now online.

Commission Updates

John B

- **Stewardship** – Septemberfest. Asking council members to be ambassadors at Septemberfest. Try and actively look for opportunities to connect people. Request for Christian music to be played, will touch base with Septemberfest committee.
- **Evangelization**- Wings and Trivia night was a hit. "Casting Nets" will be coming to St. Mark Oct 16-18. The training was fantastic and those who attended are inspired and encourage others to attend.
- **Communication**- no major updates. Lots of activity on social media sites.
- **Parish Life**- New chair for After the Boxes Ministry, Nadine is stepping down from Prayer Shawl ministry. Rosary Makers going strong with 40 volunteers.
- **Community Life**- Hope House receiving meals and taking to Angels and Sparrows. Crafts weekly for kids at Hope House. We have 7 volunteers for Loaves and Fishes. Habitat for Humanity next build is in September. The Habitat volunteers have been working on a number of projects at St. Mark.
- **Liturgy & Worship**- Mass for Assumption was beautiful. Sister Mary Agnes is new to the parish. Background checks are completed after training as St. Mark is charged for each and we want to make sure the volunteers are still interested in serving. Immediate need- ushers, lectors and extraordinary ministers. Researching options for new organ. New is approx. \$2 million and used is approx. \$1 million.
- **Buildings and Facilities**- Parish Hall renovation- new roof, Kerin Center floor are being stripped and waxed. New chairs (350). Stairwell floor re-done. Donated all 600 of the old chairs. We have a new cleaning group for the Kerin Center at night. Stage renovation.

Security Team Update

John F

- **Knights of St. Joseph- Crisis Abatement Team**- 26 approved members. John F is a member of the National Security Association and coordinating our St. Mark Security team. Training program is underway with several different individuals assisting. Dr. Michael Clemmons is a Trauma Surgeon and training volunteers on CPR and AED use. We have an individual who will be teaching self-defense/combat skills. Team will put together 3 first aid kits for campus. We have 12-2-way radios and 50 badges to identify team members. We have 4 new wireless church cameras and 2 new door locks- stairwell and choir loft as well as bridal prep room. Jacob requested camera on choir loft to be removed. Team is considering LED lighting for campus as it is very dark at night. Transept door on the "turnaround" side will be unlocked before Mass and the door will be locked 10 minutes into Mass. Security members will do double duty to assist with ushering. We will have 3 security team members at every Mass.

PC Members- New Candidates/New Roles**Father John/John B**

- Father will be praying about new members
- Possible new PC Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary- please prayerfully consider one of these roles and reach out to John B or Lisa to discuss.

Parish Operations Update**Scott**

- **Facilities and Staff Updates-** Donna Fodale is stepping down. May have replacement already identified. Donna will continue to help with Septemberfest as needed. Scott in process of interviewing for K-6 Faith Formation coordinator. There are a few new pre-school assistants starting.

Father's Update**Father John**

- Talked about expectations for a new P. Council chair- typically an individual who has been on council for at least a year. We will be updating our 5 year plan this year. Anniversary of the dedication of St. Mark is August 23, 2022 (2009). Families are the heart of our church. Catholic Family Camp- a great opportunity for families to bond together for a week. We have a group of families who attend first Saturday Mass at St. Mark and then gather together for dinner on campus (each brings their own). The next gathering is Saturday, September 4th. All are welcome to attend with or without children. The last event for the Diocese 50th Anniversary Celebration is the Charlotte Knights game on September 9th. Padre Pio-stained glass window will be installed next week. RCIA begins on October 4th. We offer year-round now. Deacon Rich and Leanne Vacarro coordinate RCIA.

Closing Prayer**Father John**