

**Saint Mark Catholic Church**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**February 27, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Myrna Crosby, Chad Wilson, Tim O'Bryant, John Ferrannini, William Mooney, Lisa Daily, Fernando DeUrquidi, Kathleen Harrison, Scott Bruno, Tricia Sisson

**Zoom:** Father John Putnam, Peter Miano

**Absent:** Patrick Slusser, Suzanne Broda, Christine Wladyka, David Balmaceda

**Prayer -Intercession-** (5 minutes)

Fr Putnam

**Accept Minutes-** Tim and Myrna motioned to accept

Lisa

**Chairman's Opening Remarks** (5 minutes)

John

- Devin, new council member introduction
- Adding delegates to the council- representative from the apostolates, offer guidance, not voting member. Approved one for Knights of Columbus- they will choose a delegate. Will have another from St. Mark School.
- We now have an email address for parishioners to send in questions, feedback. Will put info in the bulletin so parishioners know about it. The council members will have access to the emails. Father will confirm responses before sending to parishioner.

**Commission Highlights** (10 minutes)

Lisa

**Stewardship** – Tricia- Stewardship committee meeting in person. Bagel Sunday and meet and greet coming up. September 16<sup>th</sup> is next Septemberfest. They are focusing on 3 distinct areas for the revision of the Pastoral Plan.

**Evangelization** – Myrna and Tim- wings and trivia night- 200 people attended. Working on Pastoral Plan with the team. They have their mission statement together.

**Communication** – Lisa- no new updates

**Education** – Communion Dates set. Home faith formation- have had some positive feedback. Going to need to make an accommodation for the Hispanic community. Will be making decision on whether we implement new format soon.

**Parish Life** – David Balmaceda - absent

**Community Life** – Fernando- Room in the Inn needs volunteers through the end of March. Faith community nursing- setting up classes for senior center Cornelius.

**Liturgy & Worship** - Kathleen – Ash Wednesday went well, very large turnout, Stations are underway, March 20th 7pm Mass for St. Joseph. First communion May 13 and 20, Confirmation May 17 and 19, Emmanuel, new music director, will be part time until June. All windows have been funded, March 5 and 6 altar server training. Easter Masses- Sat 8:30pm, Sun 7, 9, 11, 1pm (Spanish)- no sign up genius required.

FYI Easter Mass Attendance for 2022- 8:30pm-663, 6:00am-560, 8:00am-1167, 10:00am-1987, noon-574, 2:00pm-1059 for a total attendance of 6,010.

**Buildings & Facilities** – Bill- organ- St. Mark is having a visitor from Italy. Expecting 1-2 bids. Painting and upgrading in some offices. Copier room is in the works, general contractor- expansion of the patio at the rectory. Clothes closets have been furnished.

**Finance** – Chad- offertory and attendance has been up. No concerns right now. Waiting for the big projects to be completed and paid for.

#### **Security Update for parish**

John

- Completed first aid and CPR training. 36 Security team members now.
- Medic has offered to do training for ushers and council. Ask the preschool teachers if they would like to participate.
- Looking for place to store security equipment to be easily accessible.
- Reviewing protocols for Holy Week.
- Preparing for needs starting in May with Communion, Confirmations, Ordinations.

#### **Pastoral Plan 2023 – Notes/Questions**

John

- Brief general discussion on continuing to work with commissions on updating plans.

#### **Parish Operations Update**

Scott

Ground Tech- suggesting bringing in structural engineers. Soil samples came back as compromised. Crescent was another company who visited. Marked 100% blockage of pipes. Finished bedrooms at the rectory- turned unfinished basement into bedrooms for Seminarians. The bathrooms will be redone across from the Adoration Chapel. Interviewed last week for Liz's role. Hoping to have her an offer by end of the week.

#### **Council Comments/Eyes and Ears**

John

Parishioners feel comfortable with the security team.

## **Father John's Update and Open Discussion**

Life teen and some middle school events were canceled last minute for a variety of reasons. Emails were sent to the families. Father discussed with Paul.

Music director, Emmanuel, was Seminarian in Dallas and discerned a different calling. Organist at Basilica in Mississippi. Worked for an organ company and so he has some great insight. He has worked with brides and funerals. He will have an office in the Kerin Center in order to fully integrate with the staff, build community.

Long range planning- diocese is investigating whether we need a new cathedral since St. Patrick's is so small. Preliminary stages. Task force to determine if we need one. Next need to look for a location and design a plan. Diocesan campaign would likely happen in combination with some funds available.

Parish expansion- talk about putting parish at CTK. Speculation right now.

Small Groups- Rescue Project in progress. Staff went through the program.

Bishop is the Pastor of the Diocese on multiple levels- Auxiliary Bishop, Episcopal Vicars and Judicial Vicar (Father John- Canon Law). Bishops Curia- Vicars and CFO and Dir of vocations- working together to develop Bishop's vision statement for focus over the next 5 years. Work in progress- Pastoral goals- Father John will provide these to us.

Stained glass windows are all fully funded and will be installed next month.

Will have celebration to bless the windows and the statue of the Sacred Heart.

The donor that finished financing the windows gave some funds to the organ as well.

Nursery starting back up- trying to poll parents to ask about volunteering. Leanne Vacarro is coordinating.

Latin Mass discussion.

Tricia Sisson is going to be Vice Chair. She will be in charge of the Pastoral Plan

Eucharistic Conference will be in Indianapolis in 2024.

Needing more extraordinary ministers for the homebound.

## **Closing Prayer**

Fr Putnam