

Saint Mark Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
October 24, 2022

In Attendance: Father John Putnam, Christine Wladyka, Suzanne Broda, Myrna Cosby, David Balmaceda, Kathleen Harrison, Chad Wilson, Tim O'Bryant, John Ferrannini, William Mooney, Tricia Sisson, Peter Miano

Absent: Scott Bruno, Patrick Slusser, Lisa Daily, Fernando DeUrquidi

Prayer/Intercession

Father John

Accept Minutes

Christine

Guest Speaker: Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Vince Famularo

- No update

Chairman's Opening Remarks

John F

- We will try to have a guest speaker from a ministry every meeting
- Read report, bring questions for the tags to bring back to the committee
- Committee tags will bring 2-3 large items to discuss with the group
- Request we wear tags everywhere on campus so we can be more easily identified
- Missing commission meeting minutes late; need to work with Liz Swanson to ensure we receive them in a timely way
- Council members should bring educational information if they think it is something we could discuss.
Examples:
 - Book Recommendation: Robert Moynahan Finding Vigano
 - AA1025 – discusses infiltration of communism into the church
 - Franz List, Mozart were free masons, Franz List renounced before death.

Commission Updates

Christine

- **Stewardship**
 - No new update
- **Evangelization**
 - Transgender Talk at St. Mark Nov 5 6-8, Nov 6 2-4 Therese Farnan
 - Ambassadors are thinking about calling those coming back and those fallen away
 - Nov 12/13th men's retreat
- **Communication**
 - No new update
- **Parish Life**
 - New Chairperson – Debbie
 - After the boxes starts
 - Food, fun and fellowship
 - Mothering with Grace starting a morning group
- **Education**
 - Education commission merged with evangelization committee

- Maddie Torres hired to help with faith formation for children
- **Follow-up w/commission:** Discussed confirmation requirements changing – more clarification needed around what is needed to get confirmed. Better communication needed.
- **Finance**
 - Expenses are under budget ytd
 - Offertory is up year over year
- **Community Life**
 - Coat drive
 - Thanksgiving Drive
 - Angel Tree early November
- **Liturgy & Worship**
 - Additional mid-day mass on Holy Days (12:10p)
 - All Saints/Souls/Thanksgiving schedules set
 - Christmas masses are being finalized
 - Servers need to check-in on the iPad
 - First Saturday help requested
 - Need help with home bound ministry coordination and help getting into Huntersville Oaks
 - Mike Fitzgerald met with Bradford. Abortion/Non-discrimination on the table.
 - DA for Charlotte, member of St. Peter's church. Pro-abortion.
 - Relics are coming to St. Mark for All Saints
- **Buildings and Facilities**
 - Scott does not currently have a prioritized list of tasks/facilities needs
 - Adoration room door
 - All ministry members need to be Virtus certified; Bill circling back with ministry leaders
 - **Follow-up:** Look at updating the pastoral plan re: facilities

Security Update for parish

John F

- Going well, members are meeting and formation is happening.

Plan 2023

John F

- Council should review their section of the pastoral plan prepare for the next council meeting.
- Council should try to read the synod responses to get a flavor for what other countries/US is saying.
- Vice Chair/Volunteers – Vice Chair will oversee the pastoral plan sub-committee as well as run meetings. Anyone may volunteer.

Parish Operations Update

Scott

- **Staff**
 - The main push is evangelization and stewardship. Working with staff on their role for that vision.
 - Mariana is having a baby so Paul has more on his plate. Hoping new staff will step in.
 - Cleaning crew for evening is overwhelmed. After time, we will be changing to a cleaning company.
- **Facilities**
 - Bill Mooney asked Scott to define more concisely the mission of buildings and facilities and define how Habitat/Emmaus would function under that mission.
 - Copyroom will be updated; plan is being developed. Clean out work will begin this month.

- 13+ lights out in the church (parishioner comment) – Working with a new company to get the bulbs replaced; learning curve and bulb inventory issue.
- Black mold and staining on the ceiling tile at adoration hallway and CCC area (parishioner comment) – issue escalated quickly. Source of issue has not been checked so Bill M will take a look. Ceiling tile cannot be found from Lowes or Home Depot. Looking for a new source.
- Fix pavers at new rectory (requested by Fr. Putnam) – Working out communication and coordination with Emmaus before we are able to get this project started.
- Need guidelines/requirements of use for all parish spaces (PC) – Liz, Sue and Amy will be tasked to come up with a schema and directions for parish hall first. Other rooms/buildings/spaces will be addressed as needed.
- Add steeple and cross on church or bell tower (JF) – John F has some cost estimates. Needs to pass to Scott for review. Cross would \$3355 for the cross.
- Organ update (Bill/JF) – No movement. Looking to get cost comparisons/estimates from Jacob/Richard Cataldo, Scott before anything can be approved. Tabled. Organ company wants 70K to take the pipes out. It does not include taking it down, storage. Father will deal with this directly.

Jesus in the Eucharist Letter

John F

- Including more emphasis on the Eucharist in the homily.
- Might look at adding a 40 hours/Eucharistic synod.

Father's vision for our parish

John F

- Pastoral plan – diocese is working on their plans. One plan they have is to have regular meetings with pastors on the health of their parish.

Voter Guide - NCFamilyVoter.com

Myrna

Council Comments

Christine

- A few elderly Parishioners have % the Right Transept being locked, the issue discussed with Fr, CAT's and the Liturgy Committee. Issue has been resolved. (JF)
- SeptemberFest, not enough food. Taking John Benson's cue, I am not against the PC running a basic "grill" of burgers, hot dogs, chips and soda. We have a marvelous kitchen in the Hall, we should utilize it.(JF)
- My daughter mentioned there should be more activities geared toward teens, to make them feel more welcome. Unfortunately, I do agree. I have always found the Protestants/Evangelicals do a better job at this.(JF)

Closing Remarks/Closing Prayer

Fr John

- New parishioner meet and greet went well; Liz is ramping up. She is interfacing with MACS school families.
- Activity book – given to new parishioners when they register. Need to relook at what constitutes an actual parish activity.
- Need more definition around ministry (St. Vincent de Paul) or apostolates (MWOJ) in our church. What constitutes an official ministry or apostolate?
- Christmas is on Sunday this year.