

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes
22 Sept, 2016

Meeting Time: 7pm
Location: The Cenacle

Prayer Leader: Bill
Refreshments: Deacon Tom

Scripture/Shared Prayer: John/Donna

Roll Call– Present: Father Todd, Donna Kern, Jesse Clearv, Wilma Cross, Teresa Wenzel, David Olivares, Bill Sherman, Don Toll, John Hibner, Rita East (Small Church presentation) & Marty Meyer (Finance Comm).

Ministry Presentation – Rita East presented on the Small Church groups at SMCC. She discussed the role is faith sharing but isn't a bible study. The groups are usually 10-12 members and meet twice a month or more. They select books or other study aids to direct their efforts. There is a committee of the leaders of the groups which meets with Father to discuss the progress of the Small Church Communities. Rita explained that there are other groups which should be considered Small Church groups as well (such as Choir, Young Adults, etc).

School Commission – The School Commission has decided to put an emphasis on Sub-Commissions to work on various aspects, these sub-groups will meet every other month. The Commission did not meet this month.

Finance Commission –The Roof Campaign has collected \$129,000 of the approximately \$150,000 pledged of the goal of \$250,000. A representative of the Commission will present during Mass during an upcoming weekend. The Commission met on 9/14. Ahead of budget on collections, however, the anticipated delay on voucher receipts.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Good of the Parish – The Executive Committee discussed an insert for the Bulletin with pictures of bios of the PC members to assist in Parishioners knowing the members.

Old Business –

PC/Parishioner Communications - Father and John are working on various other means to improve communications between the PC and Parishioners. We are starting to place a "For the Good of the Parish" item in the Bulletin weekly.

Replacing some chairs for ones with arms to assist Parishioners to get up. Parish staff has been in contact with Sauder, the manufacturer of the original chairs and determined that there are such chairs available with the same design, however, the upholstery is no longer available. Using the cushions from current chairs is being investigated. There was a discussion on placement of these chairs and repair of the cushions for some of the kneelers. Further discussion took place on replacing some round tables and the cart for the 8 ft tables (the Men's Club is spear heading this after being approached by the Mercy Meal team.

Research is taking place on St. Mark recipients of CYO and other awards for inclusion on a plaque to be placed in Shafer Hall.

There are two Eagle Scout projects. Connor Cleary is nearing completion of the statute of St. Joseph to be placed in the area between the Church and Rectory. Connor had a very successful Pancake Breakfast and raised the necessary funds between that and individual donations. Funds

left over will be donated to the Parish to assist in upkeep. There is a 2nd project in earlier stages, to replace the flag pole at the school by Jacob Jackson.

Catholic Charities Burmese Refugee Information – A representatives will present to the PC in October.

The Committee to establish a Data Base of Parishioner's Skills, Knowledge & Abilities is forming. Ann Berkemeier will chair.

New Business – Wilma Cross, David Olivares, and Teresa Wenzel were provided a shortened orientation. The limits of the terms for the new members was established by blind draw as they replaced members who were forced to resign for personal reasons. David's term expires in 2017, Wilma's in 2018 and Teresa's in 2019.

Bill Sherman was discerned as Vice-Chair.

Deacon Tom presented on the "Walk-Through Mass" which is planned for Advent. It will provide an explanation as to why things are done as they are in the Catholic Church.

Photos will be taken for the 2018 Parish Picture Directory will be taken in the summer of '17.

Thank you cards were discussed and will be signed by PC members for: Rita East for her presentation; Dan Deak for heading the Men's Club Golf Outing, Norman & Marilyn Hornek for leading the Rosary at 7:30 Mass, and Tom Jackson for his efforts with the Scouts and especially a member of the St. Mark scout troop who lost his mother recently.

Committee Reports:

Youth Report – Julie Albertson sent a report – there has been two meetings in September. The idea is to add tools to our toolbox. The discussion was on managing time to benefit school work and their relationship with God. There was a game night (board as well as basketball, volleyball, etc). On Sept. 11th they discussed courage, such as the 9/11 first responders and to stand up for those being bullied. Confirmation begins this Sunday as does the youth choir. ICYC (Indiana Catholic Youth Conference) will be Nov. 6th at the State Fair Grounds. Cost is \$60 per participant with financial assistance available.

Social Life – Franks and Beads planning is well underway. Sister Circle is coordinating this. Men's Club is assisting in obtaining needed items (wagon, etc for hay wagon, fire pits and other items). It will be 10/14.

Liturgy –Advent planning is underway including arriving at a single shade of purple.

Spiritual Life- Deacon Tom reported that the fall/winter activities were well underway. This includes SMRE, RCIA & Choir.

Communications - The newsletter is inactive.

Upcoming Events –

- Group and individual picture of PC members
- Mens' Bible Study continues
- 9/25 Miracle Blood Drive
- 10/2 Life Chain

- 10/8 Scott Hahn to speak at St. Bartholomew
- 10/8 Rosary at SMCC from 9-9:30 followed by reconciliation
- 10/9 Knights of Columbus trip to Cathedral to go through Holy Door
- 10/13 St. Mark pilgrimage to the Way of the Cross in St. John, IN
- 10/14 Sister Circle hosting Franks and Beads
- 11/19 Bingo Bash

Closing Prayer - Donna

Reminders

- **Next Meeting – 27 October 2016**
- **Prayer Leader – John**
- **Refreshments – Donna**