

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **May 23, 2013**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Boardroom, Parish Center**

Prayer Leader: **Lindsey Fischer**
Refreshments: **Mickey Lentz**

Scripture/Shared Prayer

Lindsey Fischer led scripture and shared prayer.

Roll Call/Approval of Minutes

Dawn Collier

Minutes from 04/04/13 were read, accepted and seconded. In attendance were: Father Todd Riebe, Deacon Danny Bedel, Dawn Collier, Robert Cross, Lindsey Fischer, Darrell Gossett, Mary Ann Jacobs, Mickey Lentz, Pete Masengale, and Carol Pitzer. Harold Bowling, Chris LaFollette, and Amy Frederick were absent.

Pastor Comments

Fr. Todd Riebe

Fr. Todd introduced Deacon Danny Bedel who is a third year seminarian at St. Meinrad and who will be at St. Mark for the summer. His presence at St. Mark helps to promote vocations. He will be working on Vacation Bible School, server training, and Adult Faith Formation presentations.

Committee Reports

A. Social Life

It was reported that the Men's Club is planning a campus clean-up for early June. The Men's Club is also planning a trip to see the Cincinnati Reds play and they are planning the annual trip to the horseraces for August.

Fr. Todd mentioned that Sally Meyer is working on forming a women's group which will hold at least a couple of events a year. It is a work in progress.

B. School Commission

Mickey Lentz reported that enrollment of St. Mark school is nearly at capacity of 270 for 2013-2014. Because of changes to the voucher system siblings of students at St. Mark can now attend without first having attended public school for a year. The voucher system was discussed and it was determined that it would be good to have a presentation at St. Mark regarding the voucher system.

C. Finance Council

Finances are okay. Budgets are being worked on for June. The new fiscal year begins in July.

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D. Liturgy

Fr. Todd reported that the Liturgy Committee reviewed Holy Week and they felt it went very well. The Feast of the Holy Trinity is May 26th. On Sunday June 2nd, all dioceses of the world are invited by Pope Francis to join in Eucharistic Adoration. St. Mark will participate by having Eucharistic Adoration in the afternoon.

Agenda Items

A. SPRED

Jean Milharcic shared information on SPRED which stands for Special Religious Education. It is for the developmentally disabled and was established in Chicago. Chicago continues to provide the lesson plan. Participants must be 22 years old and are called "friends." The South Deanery meets at St. Mark. There are currently six friends from several parishes of which three are from St. Mark. Current friends are autistic, blind, or hard of hearing; some have Downs syndrome or cerebral palsy. There is a one to one ratio of catechists to friends, plus two additional catechists per meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from October until April. Catechists meet to review the lesson plans prior to meeting with the friends. There is a hope to establish SPRED for high school students in the South Deanery. The main goal of SPRED is to help the friends feel the great love that God has for them. Although SPRED is intended for the friends, catechists get as much out of the program as the friends.

B. Staff Update

Fr. Todd reported that Deacon Tom Horn is St. Mark's new Director of Faith Formation. He will begin full time July 1, 2013. He will direct St. Mark Religious Education, Confirmation, First Communion, Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults, and Adult Faith Formation. An offer has been made for a part time Youth Coordinator. The Youth Coordinator will work 15 – 20 hours a week. They will work with St. Mark's junior high students and will work collectively with other parishes for the senior high youth. It is anticipated that as of July 1st all staff will be in place.

C. Commissions Update

As of July 1st each parish council member will have a commission for which they will be the liason.

D. Year of Faith: 20 Year Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Todd reported that the Year of Faith: 20 Year Anniversary Celebration will be held on 9/21 with a dinner after 5:30 Mass. He is currently looking for 2 chairpersons for which he has someone in mind. The Archdiocese closing of the Year of Faith may be connected to the closing of the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC.) The 20 year anniversary projects are still being pursued. St. Mark is in the process of getting a ballpark figure on how much it will cost to do the floor and how long it would take. Information on the lighting is also being collected.

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E. New Pastoral Council Members

Ann Berkmeier, Carolyn Bundy, and Kathy Pierce are the new PC members. They will be invited to attend the June 27th meeting. The June 27th meeting will be the last for Bob, Carol and Pete. The July meeting of the PC will be the training session for the new members and discernment of officers for the upcoming year.

F. Connected in the Spirit Pastoral Planning

St. Roch and St. Barnabus have tentatively been identified as cohorts with St. Mark. Cohorts will be finalized and work will begin with them by June 5th.

G. Festival Update

Pete Masengale reported that there will be food trucks at this year's festival. The raffle prize is \$2500 in cash, one year of tuition at St. Mark, or the equivalent of one year's tuition at St. Mark to be used for tuition at Roncalli. Two free meal tickets have been given to neighbors to thank them for the inconvenience that the festival may cause.

H. Parish Picnic

Father Todd reported that the parish picnic will be held on campus this year on 8/18. There will be a large tent out back. Masses that day will be held at 7:30, 9:30 and noon – there will not be an 11:45 Mass. The noon mass will be held in the tent. There will be organized games for the children. Fr. Todd is currently looking for a chairperson for the picnic.

I. CRHP Update

The women's team has held discernment. The men's team currently has 8 men who continued from the retreat. Josh Schaffner is joining the team for the 1st few meetings and will come back for the retreat weekend. The men's team is looking for a couple of men to join them.

J. For the Good of the Parish

Sharing by all on:

1. Good things happening

The school musical was fantastic! Thanks need to go to John Bush for the sound. It was good to see so many parishioners stick around for the Burmese presentation. Just the fact that the parish youth did the presentation was great! The pilgrimage to St. John turned out to be a faith filled event.

2. Needs in the parish

The roof was leaking pretty badly in the sanctuary in the music area.

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Reminders

- A. Next meeting date:
- Prayer:
- Refreshments:

6/27/13
Amy Frederick
Carol Pitzer

Closing Prayer Led by Lindsey Fischer.