

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes February 26, 2016

Meeting Time: 7pm
Location: The Cenacle

Prayer Leader: Ben Biggeman
Refreshments: Ben Biggeman

Scripture/Prayer

Ben Biggeman

Roll Call – Approval of minutes

In attendance: Father Todd, Deacon Tom, Ann Berkemeier, Ben Biggeman, Carolyn Bundy, Lindsey Fischer, Dorothy Glass, Mary Ann Jacobs, Donna Kern, Chris LaFollette, Kathy Pierce and Don Toll. Also present Art Berkemeier.

January minutes approved and seconded as corrected.

Presentation on Vocations Committee by Art Berkemeier: Art discussed the fact that Southside Voice has had various articles on vocations and the good things happening for the Catholic community on the southside. He discussed various activities of the parish which raises awareness of vocations including the work of Father Bob and Simon Brute Seminary. Art indicated the Committee's goal was making vocations a continuing part of Parish life.

Committee Reports

Social Life – The Dinner Dance and Men's Night Out were briefly discussed.

School Commission – Presented by Ben on behalf of Mickey Lentz – there were 26 new families at the Open House. The by-laws are being reviewed. The commission is reviewing the enrollment policy, updating goals. The staff reception during Catholic Schools Weeks was appreciated. They are working on Blue Ribbon goals and an Alumni event. All but 3 students are returning from K-7. The test of ISTEP went well.

Finance Commission – Ben indicated that the bottom line was healthy and that there are still plans to promote the Faith Direct system perhaps with a Q & A insert in the bulletin. The excess from the last campaign for the school's AC/Heating system has been used for other improvements. Narthex window replacement has been moved back to spring. There is work under way to address the Family Restroom issues of freezing pipes.

Liturgy Committee – Deacon Tom indicated that they are ready for Lent including presentations on March 8th, 15th and 22nd which will include Deacon, Dr. Hartman and Dr. Sherman on different weekends. The Stations of the Cross was discussed (every Lenten Friday except Adoration weekend) at 7 and that the first one was well attended.

Youth Commission – no report was available. The youth choir was discussed including the numbers and the quality.

Outreach – Deacon Tom and others reported that HOOPS (Helping Our Own People) added 8-10 new members and SVdP added 3 after the ministry fair. There are now 20+ people planning to go on the mission trip to eastern Kentucky and that high school youth are being invited. It is 5 days. There was

discussion of the SVdP work at the food bank on Tuesday & Wednesday and that about 20 parishioners work during that time and additionally on Saturdays on St Mark's weekends.

Spiritual Life – There are 17 RCIA elect. Sacramental prep is continuing through Lent. Eight men participated in CRHP as part of the receiving group. Confirmation and First Communion were discussed (April 9th & May 2nd). It was announced that parishioner Zack Smith was awarded the Spirit of Service award for youth.

Communications –The 2nd edition of News from the Pews is in final editing. There was discussion of recording the bell choir to play over the chimes. Also discussed was ways to link communication tools such as News from the Pews.

Agenda –

Thank You cards - Thank You cards were circulated for Sharon Shockey for the donation of a refrigerator for the Schafer Hall kitchen as well as Art Berkemeier, Daryl Fry, Dewayne Boyer, Mark Maloney & Kris Feldhake for assisting moving it; Mike & Lynn Swift, Parish Staff, Darrell Gossett and Bob Jones for their work on the Dinner Dance; and Bob Kattau for his work checking kneelers after Masses on the weekend.

Communications with/between Council & Commissions (and committees) Lindsey and Dorothy presented a listing and chart which provides a summary of how the various Commissions, Committees and other groups and their functions, reporting relationships and how they work together. A listing of annual events was also reviewed. The Commission appreciated the work and thought it was well done. One goal of the work is to provide a listing to new parishioners so they can see where their interests might best fit. The Welcoming Committee was also discussed. Deacon Tom mentioned the lack of response for a Health Ministry Committee. The time and talent stewardship volunteer form was in the bulletin and it was discussed how important follow up is.

Festival Update - Ann discussed various changes for this year including the main raffle tickets (buy 5 get 1 free) with first prize of \$3,000 or tuition. There will also be 2nd and 3rd prizes and other promotions for sellers, there are plans to reconfigure the layout, continuing the food trucks, adding an international night on Thursday, doing the dinners in house again, and entertainment before the bands play. Still looking for 3 booth chairs and as always volunteers and sponsors.

Various Agenda Items – Council members completed Inclusiveness surveys; During Lent there will be reminders of the various volunteer opportunities and review of the Pastoral Council nomination form.

Additional Pastor Comments – Father is very pleased with the participation levels at various parish events and that Mass attendance seems to be up and that the new registrations are steady.

Upcoming Events – Fish Fry on 2/27 and 3/13, Mother Daughter Breakfast scheduled for 3/1, pilgrimage to Italy (3/2-12) and the Disabilities Awareness Mass on 3/15. The spring mission trip.

Goods/Needs of the Parish – Sewage issues in the Scout room were discussed and that they hope they are resolved. The good news included the participation in music ministries, Rosie Saylor being Southside Person of the Year and that there are 60+ people making the pilgrimage to Italy.

Reminders

Next Meeting – March 26, 2015 the Cenacle at 7pm,

Prayer Leader – Carolyn Bundy

Refreshments – Father Todd volunteered.

Closing Prayer

Ben Briggeman