

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **May 22, 2014**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **The Cenacle**

Prayer Leader: **Kathy Pierce**
Refreshments: **Mickey Lentz**

Scripture/Shared Prayer

Kathy Pierce

John 14:15-21 "...If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him."

Roll Call/Approval of Minutes

Dawn Collier

Minutes from 04/24/2014 were read, accepted and seconded. In attendance were: Father Todd Riebe; Ann Berkemeier; Carolyn Bundy; Dawn Collier; Lindsey Fischer; Darrell Gossett; Mary Ann Jacobs; Chris LaFollette; Mickey Lentz and Kathy Pierce.

Committee Reports

A. Social Life

Various

Mary's Way was as always a huge success! Sister Nicolette Etienne was the speaker. Proceeds from the event go to the St. Francis Cancer Fund.

The Rosary led by the Sisters' Circle was well attended.

There will be a ministry fair this fall.

The Men's Club will attend the horse races on July 12th.

B. School Commission

Mickey Lentz

The School Commission met on 5/7. The school was able to purchase Chrome Books with Title I money. They will be used at the school – students will not take them home. There are new textbooks for math, and new social studies textbooks are being considered. There are 3 new Commission members. A dinner is being planned for 6/4 to welcome the new members and thank the departing members. There will be an alumni dinner on 6/21. The main purpose of the dinner is to promote support for the school. There will be an alumni table at the Funfest.

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C. Finance Council

Fr. Todd

The 2014/2015 Budget was presented. The Council recommended acceptance.

D. Liturgy

Kathy Pierce

Katie Harmon has joined the Liturgy Committee.

E. Youth

Lindsey Fischer

See agenda item G.

F. Outreach

Various

No new report.

G. Spiritual Life

Deacon Tom Horn

On Pentecost Sunday (June 8th) several St. Mark Parishioners will be confirmed at St. Peter and Paul.

H. Communications

Lindsey Fischer

There was no new report. It was suggested that the Communications Committee provide a list of where events can be advertised.

Agenda Items

A. Birth-Line/Pro-Life

Rosie Saylor

Birth-Line and Pro-Life were combined in about the year 2000. There are about 10 members who have been with the group since 2000 with the exception of a couple of new members over the last 2 years. Birth-Line operates a call-in service where alternatives to abortion are shared. They also have a donation center which is located in the Catholic Center. New or gently used items are accepted. Items that are always needed include onesies, blankets, socks, and bibs especially for newborns. Recipients must have been referred by a doctor, nurse, clinic, hospital or parish. When they are at the Catholic Center they are informed of other services. Some of the events that St. Mark's Birth-Line group have done are the birthday gifts for Jesus at Christmas and Dollars for Diapers on Father's Day.

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Pro-Life events include the Life Chain which is held the 1st Sunday in October and Roses for Life which are sold on Mother's Day.

The committee would like to have additional people involved and especially Youth.

B. Thank You Cards Ann Berkemeier

Thank you cards were prepared for the Altar Linen Angels and the organizers of Mary's Way.

C. Connected in the Spirit Results Fr. Todd Riebe

The Archdiocese Connected in the Spirit Results were shared with the council. How the goals which were set will be carried out is to be determined.

D. Communication Plan for New PC Members Ann Berkemeier

Thirteen names have been submitted. The potential members will be contacted to verify that they are still interested.

E. Pentecost Sunday Plan Ann Berkemeier

Names will be drawn after 11:45 Mass.

F. Festival Ann Berkemeier

Volunteers are still needed! Next year the committee is thinking about highlighting other cultures.

G. Youth Strawberry Short-Cake Fundraiser and Campus Wide Open House

A campus wide open house will be held on 6/29 after the 9:30 and 11:45 Masses. Also, the youth will be holding their annual strawberry short cake fundraiser.

H. Additional Pastor Comments

A breakfast was held for schools in the south deanery to highlight SGOs (Scholarship Granting Organization). Thirty to 35 people were there from St. Mark.

A support group is being formed for families who have lost newborns or infants.

The family bathroom planned for the courtesy room should be finished this summer.

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I. Good Things Happening:

1. A gentleman who has been attending 11:45 Mass with his disabled daughter was very pleased that his daughter was acknowledged which has not always been the case. It is another example of St. Mark's hospitality.
2. Needs in the Parish:
The kneelers for the front row which were discussed at the last meeting had been discussed previously and the conclusion was that it would not be practical to have them.

Reminders

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| A. Next Meeting | 07/24/14 |
| B. Prayer Leader | TBD |
| C. Refreshments | Mary Ann Jacobs |

Closing Prayer

Kathy Pierce