

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **October 24, 2013**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Boardroom, Parish Center**

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

Scripture/Shared Prayer

Mickey Lentz

Roll Call/Approval of Minutes

Dawn Collier

Minutes from 09/26/13 were read, accepted, and seconded with corrections. In attendance were: Fr. Todd Riebe; Deacon Tom Horn; Ann Berkemeier; Carolyn Bundy; Dawn Collier; Lindsey Fischer; Amy Frederick; Mary Ann Jacobs; Chris LaFollette; Mickey Lentz; and Kathy Pierce.

Committee Reports

A. Social Life

Dawn Collier for Harold Bowling

The Men's Club will not be somewhat slow the next few weeks. There will be things coming up at the beginning of the year. The Bingo Bash will be coming up 11/16. Girls basketball is going well, and the boys will be finishing football and starting basketball in the next few weeks. There were about 50 women at the Sisters' Circle Rosary.

B. School Commission

Mickey Lentz

The School Commission met on 10/2/13. The 8th graders will be shadowing at Roncalli High School. The 8th grade class has voted to go to Cincinnati for their 8th grade trip. The PTG Craft Fair will be held 11/9/13. The Give Back Pancake Breakfast will be 11/17/13. Goals were identified for the school going forward. The goals are:

- A creative systematic approach to I-Step testing. (I-Step scores will be presented to the School Commission in early November and strategies to address improving scores will be discussed.)
- Students grow in faith and staff models faith.
- Professional development for staff especially in regards to technology.

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C. Finance Council

Dawn Collier for Harold Bowling

Finances are doing well.

D. Liturgy

Fr. Todd

Friday 11/1/1 is all Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am. Anticipation Mass will be Thursday 10/31/13 at 7 pm. All Souls will be celebrated Saturday 11/2 at 9 am.

Deacon Tom Horn gave an update on Nocturnal Adoration. It will be the 5th year for Nocturnal Adoration at St. Mark as of this November. Some different approaches will be taken to increase participation. A mailing will be sent to new parishioners inviting them to take part in Adoration. One hour will be designated as a silent hour or prayer rather than the current spoken prayer. Alternate readings and presentations will be made available for the hour leaders to use to vary the hour. One hour will be established as an hour for Burmese parishioners. Father will speak about Nocturnal Adoration from the pulpit on 11/17. There will be sign-ups on 11/24. There will be a sample hour on 12/1 for parishioners to try. The first Friday of December is 12/6.

Agenda Items

A. Saint Vincent De Paul

Deacon Tom Horn

The Saint Vincent DePaul society was founded 180 years ago. It is currently in 149 countries. There are 700,000 conferences and 800,000 members. There are over 1 million volunteers. It has served over 30 million people, 20% of which were Catholic.

There are 34 conferences in the council of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. There is a food pantry which serves 3500 people per week and a distribution center which serves 120 people per week. The conference at St. Mark consists of about 12 parishioners. Wednesday mornings 6 – 10 parishioners work at the food pantry. A collection is made at St. Mark every month that has 5 Sundays which amounts to \$2000 - \$3000 per year.

What separates St. Vincent de Paul from other charitable organizations is that it is a Christian organization that brings the Good News to clients. Clients are visited in their homes to help determine their needs and to attempt to break the cycle of poverty.

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B. Discern Commission Liaisons

Fr. Todd

The purpose of the liaisons is to bring concerns from the commissions to the Parish Council. The following commission liaisons were determined:

Liturgy Commission	Kathy Pierce
School Commission	Mickey Lentz
Outreach Commission	
Inclusion Ministry	Darrell Gossett
Burmese Ministry	Mary Ann Jacobs
HOOP	Dawn Collier
Social Justice	Dawn Collier
Evangelization Committee	Amy Frederick
Hope and Healing Support Group	Amy Frederick
Youth and Young Adults Commission	Lindsey Fischer
Parish Life Commission	
Bereavement	Mary Ann Jacobs
Funeral Meals	Ann Berkemeier
Meal Teams	Ann Berkemeier
Men's Club	Harold Bowling
Sister's Circle	Ann Berkemeier
Scout Troops	Chris Lafollette
SMAC	Chris Lafollette

Pastoral Council members were asked to review the list of commissions so that at the next meeting additional commissions liaisons can be determined.

C. By-Laws Subcommittee

A subcommittee of the Pastoral Council was formed to review commission by-laws. Lindsey Fischer will lead the review with Kathy Pierce and Carolyn Bundy assisting.

D. Year of Faith

Fr. Todd

"Catholic Faith: 10 Things We Want You to Know" will be handed out the last weekend of the church year. This will end the Year of Faith.

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E. Pastor Comments

Fr. Todd

Connected in the Faith continues to move forward. The Archdiocese provided comments to St. Mark's co-hort. The co-hort will meet again and return comments to the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese will then respond with final plans.

The Advent Penance service is scheduled for Tuesday 12/17.

A name will need to be chosen for the O'Riley House. The house will be furnished by the beginning of December. The Men's Club gave \$2000 towards renovation.

F. Thank You Cards

All

Cards were signed for Dan Deak (golf outing), Angie Swiezy (Catechesis of the Good Shepard), ,Sister's Circle for the parish picnic, and for those who led and took part in the 20th Anniversary Celebration. Next meeting: St. Vincent De Paul.

G. For the Good of the Parish

All

1. Good things happening

The new servers.

The new Eucharistic Ministers.

2. Needs in the parish

Pink light bulbs in the Narthex when having funeral visitations.

Reminders

Next Meeting is 12/5. Darrell Gossett is the prayer leader. Ann Berkemeier will supply refreshments.

Closing Prayer

Mickey Lentz