

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **August 1, 2013**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Boardroom, Parish Center**

Prayer Leader: **Ann Berkemeier**
Refreshments: **Fr. Todd**

Scripture/Shared Prayer

Ann Berkemeier led scripture and shared prayer.

Roll Call/Approval of Minutes

Dawn Collier

Minutes from 06/27/13 were read, accepted with revision and seconded. In attendance were: Father Todd Riebe, Ann Berkemeier, Carolyn Bundy, Darrell Gossett, Dawn Collier, Kathy Pierce, and Lindsey Fischer. Amy Frederick, Chris LaFollette, Harold Bowling, Mary Ann Jacobs, Mickey Lentz and Deacon Tom Horn were absent.

Pastor Comments

Fr. Todd Riebe

Fr. Todd expressed his gratitude for the three new members of the Council and their willingness to serve. The new members are Ann Berkemeier, Carolyn Bundy, and Kathy Pierce.

New Member Training

Parishioner Patty Schmalz led the Council in training on the history and function of the Pastoral Council. Some of the functions are: helping to form the mission statement, setting parish goals, and measuring fulfillment of those goals. Decisions are made by consensus. The council is there to discern God's will for the parish.

Committee Reports

A. Social Life

Father Todd reported for Harold Bowling. The Men's Club Cincinnati Reds trip was a huge success. Many parishioners participated and fun was had by all.

B. School Commission

Dawn Collier reported on behalf of Mickey Lentz. The School Commission will hold a car show fundraiser in July.

C. Finance Council

N/A

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D. Liturgy

Father Todd reported that the Liturgy Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month. Thursday 8/15 is the Assumption of Mary which is a Holy Day of Obligation. An anticipation Mass will be 8/14 at 7 pm and Masses for the Holy Day will be at 9 am and 7 pm.

Agenda Items

A. Commissions Update

Fr. Todd reported that the Communications Committee will have their first meeting mid-August. Members of the Pastoral Council will be acting as liaisons to the various committees. Discernment for this liaison role will take place at the September meeting.

B. Connected in the Spirit

Father Todd reported that St. Mark met on 7/30 with St. Roch and St. Barnabas who have been identified as St. Mark's cohorts. They are looking at areas of future cooperation.

C. Parish Picnic

Fr. Todd indicated that a new Social, Spiritual and Service organization is in the process of forming. It is for women of the parish and is called "Sister's Circle." The Sister's Circle is currently organizing this year's Parish Picnic which will be held 8/18. Sally Meyer is leading the Sister's Circle.

D. Year of Faith: 20 Year Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Todd reported that planning for the Year of Faith and 20 Year Anniversary Celebration is continuing. Not only is it the 20th Anniversary of the new church building; it is also the 65th anniversary of St. Mark Church. This is time of great celebration for St. Mark. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception in Schafer Hall and a program in church including honoring some parishioners who have been instrumental in making St. Mark what it is today. This will take place on 9/21.

The 20 year anniversary projects are still being pursued. St. Mark is in the process of getting estimates on the floor.

E. Pictorial Directory

Father Todd reported that putting together the pictorial directory is moving forward. Erich Greulich spent a Saturday photographing some of St. Mark's Burmese parishioners so as many parishioners as possible can be included. Life Touch has been good to work with.

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F. PC Social Event Planning

A dinner will be held 8/22 for the Pastoral Council to thank those who are moving off the council and the current members of the Council.

G. Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates are: 9/26, 10/24, 12/5, and 1/23.

H. Thank You Cards

Thank You Cards were discussed.

I. For the Good of the Parish

Sharing by all on:

1. Good things happening:

The remodeled bathrooms in the basement of Schafer Hall are a huge improvement. The Ermco Suite is being made available by Darrell Gossett for the Women of Faith conference at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Coffee and Donuts will be available after 7:30 Mass on 8/4. Surveys from the Inclusiveness Committee's Disability Awareness Fair have been received. St. Mark will not host it every year but it will be held at other parishes.

2. Needs in the parish

No needs were identified.

Reminders

Next meeting is a social event on 8/22/13. Discernment for council offices will take place at the next business meeting of 9/26.

Prayer:

Refreshments:

Lindsey Fischer

Carolyn Bundy

Closing Prayer Led by Ann Berkemeier.