

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **March 27, 2014**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Smock House**

Prayer Leader: **Dawn Collier**
Refreshments: **Mary Ann Jacobs**

Scripture/Shared Prayer

Dawn Collier

John 9:1-41 "When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "you have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Roll Call/Approval of Minutes

Dawn Collier

Minutes from 02/27/2014 were read, accepted and seconded. In attendance were: Father Todd Riebe; Ann Berkemeier; Carolyn Bundy; Dawn Collier; Lindsey Fischer; Amy Frederick; Mary Ann Jacobs; Chris LaFollette; Mickey Lentz; and Kathy Pierce.

Committee Reports

^s A. Communications

Pete Masengale

There are six people on the Communications committee. The committee is planning on publishing an electronic newsletter two times a month to communicate the great things that happen at St. Mark. The newsletter will report on the good things that are happening at St. Mark and the good people who are making these things happen.

B. Social Life

Sisters' Circle is hosting Coffee and Donuts at the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses on 3/30. On 4/11 they will lead Stations of the Cross. On 5/5 at 7 pm they will lead praying of the Rosary. Fifty-five glasses were handed out at the Sister's Circle wine glass painting event. The Sister's Circle has ordered shirts.

C. School Commission

Mickey Lentz

The School Commission discussed how members on the commission are selected and elected. They are reviewing the current composition of the commission and considering adding members that do not have children at the school. The discussion will continue at the next meeting on 4/10. An alumni dinner is being planned for June or July. Tuition rate increases in general were discussed. The commission is looking for someone to help in writing grants. On 6/4 the commission will hold a welcome and thank you dinner to welcome new members to the commission and to thank the members whose terms

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are complete. Whether vouchers are a positive or negative for the school and parish were discussed. The total number of students on vouchers over the past 3 school years is 156 with the breakdown as follows:

2011/12 – 28
2012/13 – 47
2013/14 – 81

Of the 156, 105 are active parishioners; 14 are becoming Catholic; and 37 are non-Catholic.

D. Finance Council

Father Todd Riebe

A new liaison to the Pastoral Council will need to be identified to replace Harold Bowling. The school is in good shape. Collections were down by about \$10,000 in February. Expenses however are lower than were budgeted especially in the area of the new HVAC in the school where very significant savings are being realized. Overall, finances are in good shape.

E. Liturgy

Father Todd/
Kathy Pierce

The Lenten parish penance service will be held 4/5. We have new Christmas trees that are pre-lit to use in decorating for Christmas. The Disabilities Awareness Mass was very good.

F. Youth

Lindsey Fischer

The youth participated in a Lenten project to pack meals for Haiti. The goal that the Youth had set was far surpassed due to generous donations from parishioners.

G. Outreach

Various

There were no reports for Outreach.

H. Spiritual Life

Father Todd

Twenty-nine youth will be confirmed from St. Mark. The adult education series "Lamb of God" presented by Katie Harmon and Matt Sherman continues. Preparation for 1st Communion continues.

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Agenda Items

- A. Thank You Cards Ann Berkemeier

Cards were prepared for the Men's Club, Funeral Meals, Katie Harmon and Matt Sherman, and Dave Jackson.

- B. Communication Plan for New PC Members Lindsey Fischer

Kathy Pierce and Ann Berkemeier volunteered to work on the communications to identify new Pastoral Council members.

- C. Lenten Activities Father Todd

Katie Harmon and Matt Sherman's series on the Lamb of God will continue each Sunday at 7 until Palm Sunday. About 50 parishioners have been attending the series each Sunday. There are also about 50 parishioners attending Stations of the Cross of Fridays. On 4/2 there will be a service "Keep the Light On." The parish penance service is 4/5. At 7 pm on Good Friday the Youth will present a dramatic presentation of the Passion.

- D. O'Riley House Update Father Todd

Kevin Sweeney suggested the name the Cenacle for the O'Riley House. The Cenacle is another name for the room where the last supper took place.

- E. Festival Ann Berkemeier

There will be a zip line at this year's festival on Friday and Saturday. There will be 2 sledge hammer cars. The festival committee is looking for a chair for Inflatables and for Teen Games. A new co-chair is needed for next year's festival. George Wichlinski will be rolling off the committee.

- F. Parish Picnic Father Todd

Sister's Circle will again organize the parish picnic which will be held 8/17 at St. Mark in the place of 11:45 Mass.

- G. 5 Year Planning Committee Father Todd

A committee is currently being formed to work on a 5 year plan mainly for campus and facilities improvements. Results from a demographic study which was part of Connected in the Spirit will be used to help guide the committee. A press conference

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will be held by the Archdiocese at the end of April or first of May to announce Connected in the Spirit results.

H. Additional Pastor Comments

Several St. Mark parishioners will be receiving service awards. Art and Ann Berkemeier will receive the Spirit of Service award; Billy Cross will receive the Spirit of Service Youth award; Josef Herkert and Andrew Corcoran will receive the Spirit of Youth CYO award; Dan Deak will receive the St. John Bosco award; and Bob Jones and Joe Kraeszig will receive the Busalt award.

Improvements to security on the campus have been made. Several cameras have been installed on campus.

I. For the Good of the Parish

1. Good Things Happening:

Father Todd's funerals are appreciated by mourners. Ten high school Burmese youth are working about 2 hours a month around the campus. They had approached Fr. Todd about wanting to do something to help. The new bulletin boards provide a good place to consolidate information. The great result for the youth packaging meals

2. Needs in the parish: One of the vents in the church rattles.

Reminders

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| A. Next meeting | 05/22/14 |
| B. Prayer Leader | Kathy Pierce |
| C. Refreshments | Mickey Lentz |

Closing Prayer

Dawn Collier