

**St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes**  
**September 24, 2015**

**Meeting Time: 7pm**  
**Deacon Tom**

**Location: Parish Center Board Room**  
**Kathy Pierce**

**Prayer Leader:**

**Refreshments:**

**Scripture/Shared Prayer**

Deacon Tom

**Roll Call** – Members present were Deacon Tom, Dorothy Glass, Ann Berkemeier, Lee Ann Briggeman, Donna Kern, Marty Meyer, Kathy Pierce, Bill Sherman and Don Toll.

**Minutes from August were reviewed and approved.**

**Commission Reports**

- Social Life – Recent and future events were discussed including the success of the Sister Circle team in the Hope Ride (coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, winning \$500 which they contributed to SVdP). The Franks and Beads and Bingo Bash were also discussed.
- School Commission – Tim Runholt sent the School Commission report through Dorothy. The school year is off to a smooth start and the new staff are all doing well. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is doing very well and working on leadership skills. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Camp Tecumseh in October. The pancake breakfast is being planned. The Commission has a subcommittee to examine the by-laws and if there is a need to make changes. They also discussed questions about the role of the Commission and how to improve communications. Deacon Tom reported that the school earned \$25,000 or so with the magazine sales.
- Finance Council – Marty Meyer reported that collections are still ahead of budget. We are still ahead of budget despite higher than expected expenses due to expenses related to flood damage and higher costs related to the window replacement. A group is working on developing a stewardship drive to help with these costs.

Engineers are still looking at the best way to replace/improve the window design. Other areas needing work include the cupola, elementary wing roof, the cenacle and damages related to these areas. Although, no structural damage was present.

- Liturgy – Deacon Tom reported the new chair of this commission is Mary Horty. Kathy and Deacon Tom also reported on some of the upcoming events including All Souls Day Mass and Our Lady of Guadalupe at OLG. There are 17 new servers bringing a total of 45 with fairly good attendance.

- Youth – Julie Albertson sent a report through Dorothy. NCYC (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>) preparation is well underway and there will be a special appeal weekend Oct 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. There was an organizational meeting for students (grade 10-12) seeking the sacrament of confirmation. There were about 15 students and their parents present. About 30 are expected to participate beginning Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, with a Mass on 4/21 at the Cathedral. The HS Choir is up and running. There will be a HS movie night 10/17. The young adult group continues to meet Monday evenings sharing a meal and Bible study. A push is planned for new membership.
- Outreach – The group is meeting with Kevin to ensure that their plans are included in the work being planned around the Parish. There was a discussion about the location of the 2 wheel chairs that should be at Church. One is loaned out and the other unaccounted for. A request will be made to SVdP if they have one available.
- Spiritual Life - Deacon Tom reported that programs for the year are started with 22 in RCIA, including 7 Catholics wanting to reconnect. Cathy Jolley has stepped away from her role with the welcoming committee due to family commitments. Others are stepping up, but efforts to get the Welcome Catholic Home program some leadership are still underway. A discussion was held about what role the Cohort process can play in the Spiritual Life programs. A discussion about the general Cohort process was held.
- Communications – Rusty Albertson and Pete Masengale will start sending a monthly report.

### **Agenda**

- Thank You cards – Mark Maloney for chairing the Men’s Club’s golf outing, Mary Masengale for leading the Sister’s Circle’s Hope Ride team, Ed Balint for leading the blood drive and the special ministers to the sick.
- Dorothy spoke to Chris Gudel to get updates on the Committee, Commissions, group leadership and an updated list will be produced.
- There was discussion about changes in on-line giving from Faith Direct to Our Sunday Visitor due to lower fees. The importance of on-line giving was discussed. Information was provided and additional information will be given about how to change to the new one in the bulletin.
- The Council discussed the goals suggested previously and set primary goal at Father’s request in each of four areas. After discussion the following goals were selected as what the Council thought was most important.

- Spiritual Growth – Vocations including religious but also beyond that
  - Outreach Evangelization – Increase Parishioner involvement
  - Parish Life – Improve communications including possible Town Hall meetings
  - Facilities – the previously stated work on the windows and roofs.
- Ann announced that due to family commitments she will step down as Festival Chair.
  - The golf outing was successful and brought in about \$6,500.
  - Upcoming Events – Franks and Beads will be in October 13<sup>th</sup> Bingo Bash in November, Pancake Breakfast, blood drive, St. Meinrad Sunday and the St. Martin De Porres mass (will take place of multi-cultural mass at St. Mark.

**Reminders**

- Next meeting – October 22<sup>nd</sup>; Location – Cenacle at 7PM  
Prayer Leader – Carolyn  
Carolyn
- Refreshments -

**Closing Prayer**

Deacon Tom