

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes
May 28, 2015

Meeting Time: 7pm
Carolyn Bundy
Location: The Cenacle
Father

Prayer Leader:

Refreshments:

Scripture/Shared Prayer

Carolyn Bundy

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Roll Call – Members present were Father, Lindsey Fischer, Ann Berkemeier, Ben Briggeman, Carolyn Bundy, Dorothy Glass, Donna Kern, Kathy Pierce and Don Toll. Also present was Marissa Bossingham.

Minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections.

Ministry/Group Presentation – Marissa Bossingham – Vacation Bible School – Theme for this year is Son Treasure Island. Package is purchased, Marissa tries to wait to see what other churches on south side are doing and tries to pick a quality program, but one that isn't being used too much in the area. However, they do make modifications to fit our needs. She's worked VBS for several years and has been in charged for about six. They recruit volunteers through the bulletin and social media. The dates change from year to year and this year is June 28th (Sunday) to July 2nd (Thursday) and takes place from 6 pm to 8 pm. A fee of \$8-\$10 is charged. It will be announced soon in the bulletin with sign-ups taking place in the next few weeks. There is usually 60-80 kids, varying by day. They've been lucky with volunteers in terms of numbers and experience.

The Council expressed their appreciation to Marissa and the other volunteers for their efforts.

Commission Reports

- Social Life – The Welcoming Committee is hosting a dinner on June 2nd for new members and inviting representatives of various groups at the Parish. There will be a Mass and pitch-in for the Small Church community on June 18th.
- School Commission – the Commission met on May 6, 2015. Mr. Albertson reported that all positions for 15-16 have been filled, including the replacing the retiring Mrs. Joan Berkopes and Mr. Bob Clayborne. The school's secretary, Peggy Mehalik is also retiring. The Office of Catholic Education fall on-site visit was reviewed and discussed. It was a positive report with some suggestions. Mr. Albertson and a staff member hope to be able to present to the PPC soon. There will be a small increase in tuition for 15/16. The Commission is looking for new members and will have some changes in terms. Deanna Merkel will be teaching at SMCS next year so will leave the Commission. Strategies were discussed to create interest in finding members.

The By-Laws sub-committee is continuing their efforts to update these. The Alumni committee is working towards the 2nd annual event on June 20th. They hope to further develop the list of Alumni to be used for various purposes to promote SMCS.

A question was asked about the current tuition for SMCS. It was presented that the one year, single student (Parishioner rate) is \$5,220.

- Finance Commission – the Commission met to discuss the budget developed by Kevin with Father’s guidance that it be balanced and realistic (something which will serve the needs of the Parish and is reachable). The Commission accepted the budget. There was a 2% increase based upon the approx. 2.5% increase in the Consumer Price Index. The PPC members asked for some explanation on some of the categories and Father and Ben provided the information. Father indicated that we’re fortunate that Kevin ensures that we have on-going maintenance to prevent larger expenses. The PCC moved and 2nd endorsement of the budget.

The Commission decided to promote the Faith Direct direct deposit program in September. Marty Meyer will be the Commission’s representative to the PCC for next year.

- Liturgy – Father & Kathy Pierce reported that there is currently a lull in activities. There was discussion about the Host the previous weekend. Father explained that while the “use by date” had not passed, that they’d monitor this better in the future. Kathy reported that Jill Deak volunteered to water the plants in the sanctuary. There was discussion on how appreciated this was, but also that there would be assistance at least in the Holy seasons of Christmas and Easter.
- Youth – Lindsey presented a report from Julie Albertson. The youth group is in the midst of fund raising for NCYC. Flamingo flocks will soon be delivered by members of the youth group with adult supervision in the yards of those whom someone designated. They are also planning for the Strawberry Festival. They are looking at the Funfest as an opportunity to recruit for NCYC. There will be a tie dye booth with HS youth where there will be promotional material for the fall conference. Mrs. Albertson applied for 10 Catholic Youth Foundation USA Scholarships (designed to increase participation at NCYC from young people with diverse cultural backgrounds) but has not heard back yet.
- Outreach – Father reported that the recent special collection for the Mission trip was successful, collecting approx. \$4,000 of the \$5,000 goal with hopes that more will come in. This will provide for the supplies and materials needed and hopefully cover most of the group’s travel expenses.
- Spiritual Life – Father reported that we’ve had a very successful year and was pleased to announce that they’ve already been contacted by 5 individuals interested in taking

part in RCIA starting in the fall.

- Communications – the 3rd edition of News from the Pews is in the editing process.

Agenda

- Thank You cards – Ann circulated cards for the Mary's Way Committee and Finance Commission as well as Thank You/Congratulations Cards for the Spirit of Service Award Winners – Madeline Dunne, Kristin Foresman, Zach Smith, Kevin Johnson & Aaron Seddon.
- Selection of new members via intercession of Holy Spirit. Father prayed for the Holy Spirit to assist in selecting the members who will replace Lindsey, Chris and Mary Ann. Those selected are
 - Bill Sherman
 - Rachel Bush
 - LeAnn Briggeman
- Recent Events – Mary's Way, 8th Grade Graduation, K Graduation, School Play, May Crowning were among the recent events. All went well. A question was raised about what additional means could be used to announce and congratulate the winners of the various scholarships and awards.
- Festival – Ann reported that the committee had put a lot of work into a new layout that they hope will improve security and make the bands easier for young people to enjoy. They have many new inflatables and bracelet sales have gone very well. Ann indicated that the sponsorship group have done a great job and are still working. The food trucks will include the retuning Brozinni Pizza and Mrs. Curl as well as the new Bacon Babes. The first will only be there Thur & Friday. There will also be fried chicken on Thursday and Saturday with the Kerns in charge of this and St. Mark's World Famous BBQ on Friday night with Fred and Mary Pitzer in charge. The dinners will be \$7 with kid prices available. Bands are 3G on Friday and Taste Like Chicken on Saturday and a DJ (John Bush) on Thursday. Before the bands we will have some multi-cultural entertainment. There will also be food from various groups in the parish.

E. Additional Pastor Comments

Father Todd

Father reported that the official announcements would be made in early June and that this includes the assignment for Deacon Adam. He also announced that he was asked to take an additional role in addition to Pastor at St. Mark. He was tasked with a one year assignment as Administrator of Good Shepard. Good Shepard has a retired priest who is responsible for sacramental duties on weekends. Father

reported that SMC has been fortunate that Burmese priests have visited the past two weekends. Father Todd also indicated that there was going to be a change in staffing with Deacon Tom assuming the position of Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation on a PT basis (and continuing his weekend sacramental duties) and that Angie Swiezy would take a PT position working with Youth Faith Formation. Angie has shifted her continuing education plans towards this goal after much discernment.

- Good things happening - Deacon Adam Ahern will be ordained June 6 and will be back the week of June 20th/21st. He will celebrate Mass and there will be a reception following 11:45 Mass. He will be assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany as Associate Pastor and also be Chaplin at Providence HS.
- Upcoming Events - Festival June 11-13, Spring Mission Trip 6/21-6/28, and Men's Club sponsored trip to see Cincinnati Reds July 31st.

Reminders

- Next meeting June 25th
Location – Valle Vista

Closing Prayer

Carolyn