

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes
25 Aug, 2016

Meeting Time: 7pm
Location: The Cenacle
Jesse

Prayer Leader: Donna
Refreshments:

Scripture/Shared Prayer: Donna

Roll Call– Present: Father Todd, Donna Kern, Nathan Campbell, Jesse Cleary, Bill Sherman, Don Toll, John Hibner, & Marty Meyer (Finance Comm)

School Commission – Jeff Traylor presented the school commission summary to the Pastoral Council. The St. Mark school had 321 students enroll this year which is a 22% growth from the previous year. Because of this increase in enrollment additional staff has been added along with a 2nd Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes. The School Commission has formed 3 subcommittees to identify practical ways for the school to both grow and thrive. The subcommittees are Catholic Identity, Family and Transitional support, and Staff and Support. The subcommittees will be re-evaluated and modified as needed on a yearly basis

Finance Commission – Marty Meyer presented the yearly budget for approval. Both the Jun and July statements were fine. The previous years budget ended \$300 in the black. St. Mark school finished the previous years budget in the black. The school subsidies for the current year have gone down from last year. Weekly collections appear on track to meet the budget, which has been increased by 2.5% from the previous years budget. The parish made from the Fun Fest was \$40,000. The Roof Campaign has collected \$149,000 in pledges which is 59% of the \$250,000. The Roof Campaign will be planning additional efforts to encourage additional pledges. The repairs to the main windows on the church and the roof on the Cenacle house have been completed. The Finance Commission is currently taking bids on the roof on the elementary wing of the school. The repairs are currently scheduled to begin over the summer break.

Good of the Parish – John Hibner has taken on the responsibility of putting together a quarterly response to the ideas, comments, and concern that parishioners have submitted to the parish ideas box. The St. Mark parish received compliments from Bishop Felix on St. Marks efforts to welcome and incorporate the south side Burmese community into the parish. It was requested for an overview of how the Catholic Charities Burmese refugee relocation work for general information purposes. It was noted that visitors attending a showing at the next door funeral home are leaving through the parish back lot which could create an unsafe situation for the parish school. Father Todd will speak with the school principal concerning this. The ideas of doing a walk-through mass and providing parishioners with information on the the Sunday readings were brought up and discussed. The drinking fountain located by the restrooms in the church, the water pressure has been adjusted for easier use.

Old Business – The parish volunteer forms for the year are prepared and ready to be distributed. Plans are to communicate with the parishioners who fill out the volunteer forms through e-mails. Discussions for creating a database for storing volunteer information to enable the parish to better match the skills of the volunteers with the need of the parish. Don Toll has volunteered to be the council representative on the committee being formed to design and form the database. The parish parking lot has been re-lined with 10 handicapped parking spots close to the church and handicapped van parking along U.S. 31. The date for the parish trip to Fatima has been set for March

2018. To date 34 participants have signed up for this trip. Discussion on updating a picture of the parish council so parishioners can put names with faces. The arch-diocese is working to bring in a Burmese assistant pastor to work with the Burmese communities on both the north and south side of Indianapolis.

New Business – Wilma Cross, David Olivares, and Teresa Wenzel were discerned to replace those council members who have had to step down from the parish council. The St. Joseph shrine dedicated to fathers being built by a parish Eagle Scout should be completed by October 12, 2016. The parish council approved planning with Darlene Davis for St. Mark to host a 1 week summer bible institute in 2017. The bible institute would run for 5 consecutive evening and would allow parishioners from the south side deanery a variety of different lectures that they would be able to choose to attend. There was also discussions of setting up child care for those parents who would like to attend the institute. There will be a parish pilgrimage to St. John, IN in October and a possible pilgrimage to St. Mary of the Woods next spring.

Youth Report – Julie Albertson will be hosting a middle school tailgating event at Roncalli on September 3 before the first home football games. Confirmation preparation begins with a parent/youth meeting in the church on September 25. While there will not be a NCYC this year there will be a ICYC (Indianapolis Catholic Youth Conference) being held at the Indiana State Fair Grounds. High school students volunteered to come early and help set up for the parish picnic and stayed after to help tear down. The young adult group will be participating in a kickball game with St. Barnabas on September 11.

Upcoming Events -

- The Knights of Columbus are planning a trip to the cathedral on Sunday October 09 @1400 to go through the Holy Doors for this year of Mercy.
- RCIA will begin on 14Sep16
- SPRED will begin on 27Sep16
- Hope Ride is scheduled for 17Sep16

Closing Prayer - Donna

Reminders

- **Next Meeting – 22 September 2016**
- **Prayer Leader – Bill S.**
- **Refreshments – Deacon Tom**