

## St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council

### Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2016

Meeting Time: 7pm  
Location: The Cenacle

Prayer Leader: Carolyn Bundy  
Refreshments: N/A

#### Scripture/Prayer

Carolyn Bundy

#### Roll Call – Approval of minutes

Dorothy

In attendance: Father Todd, Deacon Tom, Ann Berkemeier, Carolyn Bundy, Dorothy Glass, Donna Kern, Kathy Pierce and Don Toll.

February minutes approved and seconded as corrected.

#### Committee Reports

**Social Life** – Recent events were discussed including the Mother-Daughter Breakfast, Disabilities Awareness Mass, Fish Fry, and Pilgrimage to Italy. Some of the more social oriented Holy Week events were discussed including the Thursday Soup & Salad Supper and the Holy Saturday reception.

**School Commission** – No formal report was available. Father reported that a sub-committee was working on updating by-laws. There is work on ways to accommodate more students for next year.

**Finance Commission** – Father reported that collections are on track. The sewage issue which affected the campus has been resolved. The blockage causing the issue was in St. Mark's line but several blocks from the campus. The new windows have started to be installed in the Narthex, but weather and events have delayed. Once the windows are replaced, dry wall will be repaired.

**Liturgy Committee** – Deacon Tom reported that they were “ready to go” for the Holy Week celebrations.

**Youth Commission** – Julie Albertson's report was read. 20 St. Mark High School age youth are preparing for the dramatic Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Final rehearsal is Sunday 3/29.

The first meeting for youth interested in attending National Catholic Youth Conference was held with 17 youth attending. It looks like there will be upwards of 30 plus the chaperones. The Flamingo fundraiser will begin around the end of April and hopefully conclude at the end of May. John Hibner is heading up this fund raiser. The cost per attendee is about \$500, which will be due in late summer. There are external scholarships available to encourage young people with diverse cultural backgrounds to attend. St. Mark hopes to apply for 8-10 of these. Other fund raisers include the Strawberry festival (6/7) and the car

show in late July.

The Young Adults continue meeting each Monday for dinner and bible study. They are currently using a video series on the Mass.

Several St. Mark parishioners were awarded CYO awards. Madeline Dunne, Kristin Foresman, and Zach Smith won youth awards. Kevin Johnson and Aaron Seddon won Monsignor Busald awards.

**Outreach** – The results of the Inclusiveness Survey were reported and discussed. The Mission Trip was discussed, funds will be raised to assist in paying for the repairs and if enough is raised, to offset costs of the trip. HOOPS and St. Vincent DePaul are going strong with good attendance by parishioners.

**Spiritual Life** – Deacon Tom reported that attendance at Stations of the Cross has been very good, averaging 80 plus each week. Attendance at the Sunday evening presentations has been disappointing despite the quality of the presentations. The idea of taping the presentations for those who could not attend and putting it on the website was discussed. Sacramental Prep is winding down.

**Communications** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of News from the Pews is available on-line and in the narthex.

**Agenda** –

Ann

**Thank You cards** – Katrina Gossett for her presentation at the Mother-Daughter breakfast and the Inclusiveness Committee for the Disabilities Awareness Mass.

**Pastoral Council Nomination Form & Timeline** – The form was updated last year, so a quick review will be done. An announcement will be made in the bulletin after Easter to remind people that this is coming up.

**Triduum Activities** – Holy week books/programs arrived. Some of the planning is ongoing. There was discussion about making sure the lights were dimmed at the correct time for Holy Thursday.

**Italy Pilgrimage Recap** – Father reported that 61 went and 61 got back. Father discussed the prayer intentions which were prayed for at the daily Mass. The trip was discussed by Council members who went and how enjoyable, special and spiritual it was, although the issues with the trip back from Italy were discussed.

**Additional Pastor Comments** – We will have a Transitional Deacon again this summer. It will be Deacon Meril. Once he is ordained he will return to his native India to serve for 3 years and then return to the US for 5 years. The Mission appeals for the year have been set. The Faith Direct process was discussed including promoting the fact that credit cards are taken which would benefit those with cash back and similar programs. This may be linked

with Back to School.

**Good Things Happening** – Attendance has been good and steady. New people are joining and several young couples have been attending. Father discussed the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Stations of the Cross, involving students assuming positions of the cross and one special moment involving one of the students. The Disabilities Awareness Mass was discussed.

**Upcoming Events** –Men’s Club cleanup day on 3/28, Sister Circle having a Water Colors & Wine evening on 4/13, Mary’s Way on 5/13 and the spring mission trip June 21-28.

**Reminders**

**Next Meeting** – April 23, 2015 the Cenacle at 7pm,

**Prayer Leader** – Chris LaFollette

**Refreshments** – Don Toll

Closing Prayer

Carolyn Bundy