

St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Member	Present
Fr. Adam Zajac (Pastor)	Present
Joseph Stottner (Chair)	Present
Michael Tucker (Vice-Secretary)	Present
Virginia Greuloch (Secretary)	Absent
Dave Lundeen (Deacon)	Absent
Karen Cocita (Principal)	Present
Meaghan McCarthy-Silver (Minster)	Absent
Dan Brennan	Present
Paul Gambon	Present
Anna Maria Masterson	Present
Michael Kay	Absent

Opening Prayer:	Stottner
Roll Call/ Welcome:	Stottner
Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2022 meeting:	approved & seconded

Notes:	
Commission Updates	
Education	<p>School –Karen Cocita</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School year goals set for each teacher. ● Living rosary taking place during school. ● Camp Christopher occurred on the 18th & 19th. ● 7 grade participating in the Wings in Courage program. ● Veteran’s Day observation occurred after a Mass lead by Bishop Woost ● Special Persons Day at the school on October 25th. ● Halloween parties and dances are planned (28th). ● Eucharistic Adoration is occurring in-class (about 20 minutes, parents are invited). ● Dr. Knight’s lecture on “cultural humility” was well received by the students. ● The 8th grade is planning a Fall Festival at Impett Park to be a fundraiser for their Washington trip. <p>Note: Education-1 (children) and Education-2 (adults) are now combined into “Education”. The adult portion remains in formulation.</p>
Liturgy	<p>Father Adam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liturgy Committee is reforming under Lawrence Wallace. ● The Children’s Choir is starting-up! Adult Choir not formed yet. ● Some weekend Masses will feature chanting of the Our Father.
Social Concerns	<p>Ann Masterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deacon Dave is leading visitation of the home-bound. ● Christmas in July was a success. ● Food Sunday: August, September, and October (23rd). ● The sock and underwear drive was successful.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tom Biddle memorial on October 23 will feature a plaque ceremony at his tree.
Spiritual Development	<p>Father Adam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Rosaries are scheduled at both Parishes. • The Men’s and the Women’s Retreats are scheduled for the first two weekends in December at the Bethany Retreat Center (Chardon). These are to become annual events. Cost may be limited to pay for food; donations appreciated. Spread the word! • Deacon Dave and Meaghan hosted a reconciliation workshop at St. Mel’s on October 13.
Evangelization	<p>Father Adam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaghan is taking the lead on reforming this committee and setting new goals.
Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 450 out of approximately 1100 households completed the census • A new database is being installed for the Parish. This modern application will greatly enhance the ability to manage and use data. • The Five Year Plan was drafted, now its implementation remains! • Goal: compilation/guide of all Parish organizations/activities with a short description and contact information. We want to make this available to the world on our website and notify ever single Parishioner of its existence. Offer paper copies upon request. Who will lead this?
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council agreed that we need to provide a special thank-you for the service of Dave Clifford and Amy Asseff. Lunch with Father Adam was suggested, else cards with gift cards. Will need to review, and complete if necessary, at the next meeting. • A leadership meeting is in the works. Networking/contact for the heads of the Parish’s organizations. We need to decide on its format. • An annual volunteer appreciation event is being planned. We need to determine how and when this is to be. Also, we should plan to use this as a lure to recruit new volunteers, especially youth. • As mentioned, Education-2 is now a part of Education. Input would be appreciated on developing adult evening education classes and workshops (to be overseen by Mrs. Cocita).
Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Donuts? They WILL be back! We need someone to coordinate (this means scheduling Parish organizations to cover one weekend a month and explaining how to run them, <u>not</u> hosting or working the events). • Discussed the Fourth of July Parade and pro/anti-abortion Parish issues.

Motion to Adjourn: approved and seconded

Closing prayer: Fr. Adam

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm (Community Room)

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