

**St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 2, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

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

<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	
<b>Roll Call/ Welcome:</b>	Stottner
<b>Approval of Minutes of meeting:</b>	approved Greuloch & seconded Masterson

**Notes:**

**Commission Updates**

<b>Education</b>	<p>School –Karen Cocita</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 6 - second Eucharistic Adoration and invited families to join. Our next Adoration will be May 5. Next year we are considering doing monthly Adoration.</li> <li>• Registration is now open for the school year. Parishioners and current families get first registration options. Pre-K is full and on a wait list.</li> <li>• Catholic Schools week was successful. The open house was well received and attended. We gave out 200 cups, 100 big cones, and 100 little cones of ice cream at the open house.</li> <li>• Catholic Schools Week included a talent show and a game of Kahoot.</li> <li>• Created baskets for first responders.</li> <li>• Mother &amp; Son Dance is coming up and 175 boys are attending with their mothers.</li> <li>• The science fair is coming up. Grades one through four are optional participation. Grades six and eight have mandatory participation.</li> <li>• Father Adam, Mrs. Cocita, and Teresa attended the Keeping the Faith meeting to discuss the direction of Catholic education in the diocese. The bishop wants each parish to have a school attached to it regionally or geographically. “These are our kids.”</li> <li>• We have the sixth largest catholic school system in the country and the 26th largest diocese.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student council went to the cathedral for mass.</li> <li>• Two Rooted in Faith grants have been applied for - one will finish the new stair treads and the other will provide a new active panel for the music room.</li> <li>• High school applications have been submitted and acceptances will come mid-February.</li> <li>• Confirmation interviews are coming up</li> <li>• For Black History Month, Mrs. Tanya Allen will do a presentation for fifth through eighth grade documenting her travels through Africa.</li> <li>• Literature week is February 21. Shakespearean actors will be returning and the potter is returning for grades K through five.</li> <li>• The Angels scholarship was discussed.</li> </ul>
<b>Liturgy</b>	<p>Father Adam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
<b>Social Concerns</b>	<p>Anna Maria Masterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
<b>Spiritual Development</b>	<p>Father Adam &amp; Meaghan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spiritual Life committee Lent updates</li> <li>• The spiritual life committee planned Lent activities for families. 40 activities were presented in a flier for the bulletin</li> <li>• Soup suppers are returning. Soup will be bought by parishioners. The suppers will include a discussion, fellowship and soup.</li> <li>• Fish fries are returning. There will be two on February 24 and March 10. Food will be available for dine in or takeout with no pre-order.</li> <li>• A family retreat is planned for March 4 from 9 AM to 11:45 AM. Designed for families with kids of all ages. There will be activities stations and crafts in the social hall. Followed by a prayer service discussion of whether there will be coffee or refreshments for adults.</li> </ul>
<b>Evangelization</b>	<p>Father Adam &amp; Meaghan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Evangelization committee met and the next committee meeting is February 21.</li> <li>• Discussions: what are the goals and how can we grow? Traditional evangelization, getting school, parents involved, reaching out to non-practicing, and engaging with those present, but needing a boost.</li> <li>• Dual pastorship is steady.</li> <li>• Bishop Woost update: he is doing well and healing.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Unfinished Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Donut Sundays are going well. Athletic association will cover March, Parent Club will cover April, and Scouts will cover May.</li> <li>● Should Michael Kay become the milkshake mass czar?</li> <li>● Planning for the annual volunteer appreciation event after lent.</li> <li>● Night of reflection for service people at mass: ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, etc.</li> <li>● Pam and Herb tippy send the prayer chain emails.</li> <li>● Compliments for Lawrence on his excellent musical ministry!</li> <li>● Discussion: Should we be singing the “Our Father” or not?</li> <li>● At Saint Mel’s there will be nine nights of prayer which is a diocese project. It will begin at 8:15 pm. All nine nights at all nine parishes. Saint Patrick’s day is the first night.</li> <li>● Easter mass schedule has been determined for both parishes</li> <li>● Update on the pews: contracts are in order and everything is on track, no install date yet, will need to be out of church for install and will most likely use the gym for mass.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working on a Dave Adams memorial.</li> <li>● Ideas include a quote of his on the wall or gym floor, a memorial garden plaque, and planting a tree.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Open Forum</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Father Adam had dinner with Dave and Amy to thank them for their service on pastoral council.</li> <li>● STREAM Lab: next step is looking at adult education. Bringing back donation givers to tour the lab.</li> </ul>

**Motion to Adjourn:**

approved Kay and seconded Brennan

**Closing prayer:**

**Stottner**

**Next Meeting:**

\_\_\_\_\_ April 13 \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:00 pm (Community Room)

Opening Prayer: Kay

Closing Prayer: Gambon or Stottner