

St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021, 7:00 pm [via Zoom]

Prepared by Amy Asseff, Secretary

Member	Present
Fr. Adam Zajac	X
Dave Clifford - Chair	X
Tom Bodle – Vice Chair	X
Amy Asseff - Secretary	X
Karen Cocita	X
Briana David	X
Paul Gambon	X
Virginia Greuloch	X
Michael Kay	X
Deacon Dave Lundeen	X
Anna Maria Masterson	X
Ed Morris	Excused
Nikki O’Sullivan	X
Mary Price	Excused
Joe Stottner	X
Mike Tucker	X

Opening Prayer: Michael Kay

Roll Call/ Welcome: Roll Call Waived

Approval of Minutes of January 2021 meeting: Approved

Commission Reports:

• **Education**

School - Report by Karen Cocita

- Registration is open until mid-February
- Pre-School is full, with 3 on waiting list
 - OLA Pre-School is recommended, as not expected to have any spaces open up at St. Mark
- Wrapping up Catholic Schools Week this week
 - Students learned about pandemic "essential workers" and sent cards and bakery to essential workers
 - Students sent letters to retired priests and Poor Clare Nuns
 - Wednesday was Teacher Appreciation Day
 - Thursday was Student Appreciation Day
- Waiting on Rooted in Faith grants – four have been requested, approximately \$29,000, funding for:
 - Security system upgrades
 - More window security
 - New teacher laptops
- Other purchases:
 - 13 Chromebooks with hot spots

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- Upgrade to Chromebooks to make compatible with St. Mark network
- Added tracking app to Chromebooks to track student use/activity
- Discussion of expanding the pre-school capacity in the future, but not a goal at this time
 - School retention rate is nearly 100%
 - Current focus on getting best use of the STEM lab

Adult/ Continuing Education & Faith Formation– Report by Virginia, Paul and Briana

- Resumed Racial Justice program via Zoom
- Planning Lenten Zoom series on Confession
 - Three Thursdays in Lent, conducted by Fr. Adam
 - First session is February 18
 - Email blast will go out next week
- Dave C suggested utilizing online programs available through the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma and Loyola Club of Cleveland

- **Liturgy** Report by Anna Maria Masterson
 - Liturgy met on January 19
 - Suggested utilizing other resources for Lent – Dynamic Catholic, Bishop Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz's Bible in a year program

- **Social & Recreational** Waived

- **Social Concerns** Report by Nikki O'Sullivan and Tom Bodle
 - Update on Holy Name Society parish-wide socks/t-shirt/undie drive
 - St. Mark donated a significant portion of the items collected and cash proceeds

- **Spiritual Development** Report by Deacon Dave
 - Distributing take-home Lenten packets, containing Stations of the Cross and ashes
 - Holy Name Society will help to assemble
 - Will be available at the church for pickup
 - Stations of the Cross will take place at the church every Friday with Eucharistic Adoration following

- **Evangelization** Report by Briana
 - Continuing Racial Justice program

- Old Business** The Christmas Morning Project has a July counterpart – Christmas in July outreach to the homeless
- Prepare "Christmas" gift bags with essential items to distribute

Discussion of Parish Survey from 2019

- Try to have more outreach to parishioners without children in the school, including young couples and singles of all ages
- Need to bring the "Markers" back – on a Covid hiatus
- Sponsor community or Diocese events for younger Catholics
 - Theology on Tap
 - YACHT Club
 - YCP
- Encourage small group networking

Strategic 3/5 Year Plan

- Fr. Adam is meeting with Deacon Rich Mueller of St. Mary of the Falls next week to discuss strategic planning.
 - Deacon Rich was recommended as a consultant on strategic planning

New Business

Memo from Diocese concerning Catholic schools initiative

- Will be published in the bulletin
- Parishioners may have concerns/ questions about the memo

Diocesan Survey

- Fr. Adam will be distributing to a select few from the parish for initial survey response, and eventually all of the parish will be asked to participate
- Designed to assist the Diocese in serving individual parishes
- Results will be made available for parish pastors to review

Open Forum

Follow up from Liturgy

- Interest in more catechesis in liturgy, homilies that educate on the liturgy

Youth Group will be doing Living Stations for Lent

Catholic Charities appeal will take place in masses weekend of February 20-21

Dave C has an espresso maker to donate to the church

Dave C will help arrange mission trips to Honduras in the spring

Good of the Organization

March meeting is cancelled due to Lenten conflicts, will hold next meeting in April

Closing Prayer:

Nikki O'Sullivan

Motion to Adjourn:

N/A

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm – via Zoom