

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

**Date: December, 14 2023 7:00 PM**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
Fr. Adam Zajac (Pastor)	Present
Joseph Stottner (Chair)	Present
Michael Kay (Vice-Chair)	Present
Virginia Greuloch (Secretary)	Present
Dave Lundeen (Deacon)	Absent
Karen Cocita (Principal)	Present
Meaghan McCarthy-Silver (Minster)	Absent
Dan Brennan	Absent
Laura Meisterics	Absent
Cari Foster	Present

<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Virginia Greuloch
<b>Roll Call/ Welcome:</b>	
<b>Approval of Minutes of meeting:</b>	Greuloch - approved Foster - second

**Notes:**

**Commission Updates**

**Education**

- Christmas program upcoming 12/15
- High school selections coming in January
- Thanksgiving Food Drive 62 bags of food to St. Eds
- Letters to cloistered communities
- Veterans Day ceremony
- Eucharistic Adoration in December, planned for January and February
- Parents and families invited to attend
- Mission Club made placemats for Women's retreat
- Father Daughter Dance
- Breakfast With Santa
- Parents Night Out Saturday
- School Choir field trip to Avon
- Coat Drive by Joseph B
- St. Nicholas came to visit
- Santa Shop for students to buy gifts for families
- January - Cocitas and Gunns cooking breakfast for 8th grade class
- Math Science Night - middle January
- Science Fair
- Catholic Schools Week end of January

<b>Spiritual Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4 women attended retreat in December</li> <li>● Planning new format for future retreats</li> <li>● Advent Bible Study program - lower attendance than last year</li> <li>● Meaghan will be on leave Jan - Easter.</li> <li>● Spiritual Life Committee will be hosting soup suppers again this year.</li> <li>● Three fish fries planned at St. Mark and St. Mels</li> </ul>
<b>Social Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Giving Tree went well - youth group and regular volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>Liturgy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A flyer this weekend for the Christmas Mass schedule.</li> <li>● Christmas Eve 3 masses 4:00 St Mark, 6 pm St Mels, 10 pm St Mark</li> <li>● Christmas Day 2 masses 8:30 am St Mark, 10 am St Mels</li> <li>● Liturgical Ministers Meeting - both parishes combined.</li> <li>● Holy Week planning is forthcoming. Vigil will rotate as is precedent..</li> </ul>
<b>Evangelization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New youth group members coming on - freshmen in highschool.</li> <li>● Increase in attendance</li> <li>● 8th graders and 2nd grades are invited to speak with Father after mass and receive a small gift (8th grade receives a St. Benedict medal and 2nd grade receives a coloring book).</li> </ul>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Constitution and By-Laws</li> <li>● 6 person elected council</li> <li>● 4 year terms</li> <li>● Commission structure updated</li> <li>● Updated Mission Statement</li> <li>● Minimum of six monthly meetings, changed from nine meetings</li> <li>● Measure to amend constitution passes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>4/4 Yay Votes. 2 Absent members non-voting.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Meetings are open for parishioners to observe - may be added to agenda with notice.</li> <li>● St. Mels 50+ joins St. Mark Markers. Event coming up on 12/16.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Michael Kay presents “Hope from the Ashes” by Paul Jarzembowski - Talking with Mike Hayes, Young Adult Diociscine Director - what can we do to make Ash Wednesday a very welcoming experience for parishioners who are attending?</li> <li>● Young Adult events going on during Holy Week - opening church doors after Holy Thursday to 11:00 for people to do a mini pilgrimage from church to church.</li> <li>● St Marks, St Chris, OLA joining together for living stations.</li> <li>● Young Families group that meets after the 8:30 mass.</li> <li>● 2024 - presented ideas for connecting families at mass.</li> </ul>
<b>Open Forum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>



**Motion to Adjourn:**                    **Kay** approved & **Foster** seconded

**Closing prayer:**                    **Michael Kay**

**Next Meeting:**                    February 8 at 7:00 pm (Community Room)  
Opening Prayer: Michael Kay  
Closing Prayer: Cari Foster