

St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: June 22, 2023 7:00 PM

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

Opening Prayer:	Stottner
Roll Call/ Welcome:	
Approval of Minutes of meeting:	Kay - approved Brennan - second

Notes:

Commission Updates

Education - Cocita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACE Program - pay up to \$1k per child for enrichment activities. Wednesday we became a Qualified Education Service Provider. Families can use funds to pay teachers for tutoring over the summer. Can use money for music/drama lessons, field trips for school year, can use for Washington Trip. School placed again in Top Workplace - placed 24th out of over 300. May school received the Community Partner of the Month award from the CPD for the students' contribution to gift bags, snacks, canine unit, Bartek family, etc. Will have a plaque in the hallway.
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Liturgy - Deacon Dave Masterson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deacon Dave - Holy Name working on parish picnic for the last month. Worked hard to invite and welcome St. Mel's parishioners. Games for all ages of kids. Free food and ice cream at the picnic. Live music all day. Holy Name has started to approach meetings differently with dinner (pizza, pasta, etc). Wives and significant others are invited to participate and each meeting has between 18-20 attendees. Elected new officers who will be installed at a meeting in September. Jim Cocita will remain president. First female member and officer, she is the new Secretary. Hoping for growth. Working to change the image of the group.
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Social Concerns	NONE
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<p>Spiritual Development - McCarthy-Silver Deacon Dave</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaghan - Eucharistic video series going well. Positive feedback. Family Holy Half Hour - people came with their kids for 30 min of adoration. Went very well with many young kids (under school age) in attendance. Goal is to make it a regular offering after hearing feedback from families in attendance. ● Deacon Dave hears from parishioners that they really love Mrs. Cocita's invitation for the families to join adoration.
<p>Evangelization - McCarthy-Silver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaghan - Brainstorming phase mostly. Evangelization and Spiritual Life meetings have overlap in topics. Suggesting joining the two groups together. Fr. Adam will readdress this in the fall when we look at the structure of the council. Problem is that we have too few people in the committees - does anyone in the parish know that they exist? ● Can Donut Sundays be a place where these committees are in charge and gather new members? ● In the past, there was a Ministry fair every three years - coming up to a time where we could do that again. Fall of 2019 was the last one? ● Email prayer chain list has many members.
<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dual Pastorship going well. ● We have enough musicians for now to try a rotation between both parishes. Vigil masses are able to continue. Logistics/scheduling still being smoothed out, but hopeful it will work for now. ● Donut Sundays will return in September. Ordering is smooth. Groups are enjoying participating. ● Is there a way to include different groups in the Donut Sunday. One group runs the donuts, one group sets up table for information. ● Volunteer Appreciation - later in the year. Looking at timing - late September/early October looks promising. ● St. Mel's is renting out their kitchen to a caterer (Jessica Anter). Mutually beneficial for both parties.
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elections will be coming soon. Nominations will be accepted soon. Next meeting we will be revisiting adjustments to the council (number of members, term limits, member rotations, etc). ● September will be the installation of the new pews. Will need at least a week to deep clean, remove old, etc. Likely will keep mass at St. Mark in the Social Hall. Company comes on Monday, works 12 hour days, usual install time is one week. 1 or 2 weekends out of the church is likely. Unlikely it will stretch to 3 weekends. ● Need to remove a couple pews to comply with city fire code (egress impediment). 48 pews/480 people. Will add one pew to each side in the front of the church. ● Perhaps we can donate some of the old pews to new locations. There is some interest. ● Pews are paid for completely through major donations and We Give Catholic. ● Picnic is all ready to go. Jim Cocita gave update.

<p>Open Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meetings for the next year - 7:00 pm in Community Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aug 10, 2023 ● Oct 12, 2023 ● Dec 14, 2023 ● Feb 8, 2024 ● April 11, 2024 ● June 13, 2024 ● Kay - Youth Group update: Welcome event. Five new 8th graders and 4 new sophomores. Summer retreat at the end of July at St. Leonards. Car Wash will be coming up.
<p>Guest:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amy Asseff for Habitat update: Table at parish picnic on Sunday for sign ups. Most of the build days are filled. 2 spots on each. July 22nd (Sat) Sept 21 (Thurs) are build days. “Spruce-up Day” in September is likely. Can take up to six people. Opportunities to volunteer at the ReStore - coordinated through Habitat. All volunteers must be 16+ so Youth Group won’t be able to offer much participation. Looking for fundraising opportunities - perhaps in September (2nd collection). Last year was on a Donut Sunday with a Habitat table (around \$1k collection). Goal for Parish Picnic is to gather volunteers for build and ReStore, rather than a monetary collection. ● Next year: Amy will likely need a Habitat for Humanity replacement from our parish. ● Amy is also working with a Pro Life group and leaving fliers with Fr. Adam.

Motion to Adjourn: **_Brennan_** approved & **_Tucker_** seconded

Closing prayer: **Kay**

Next Meeting: _____ Aug 10 _____ at 7:00 pm (Community Room)

Opening Prayer:

Closing Prayer: