

St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes  
 January 13, 2022, 7:00 pm – Via Zoom  
 Prepared by Amy Asseff, Secretary

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
Fr. Adam Zajac	X
Dave Clifford - Chair	X
Amy Asseff - Secretary	X
Karen Cocita	Excused
Briana David	X
Paul Gambon	X
Virginia Greuloch	Excused
Michael Kay	X
Deacon Dave Lundeen	Excused
Anna Maria Masterson	Excused
Ed Morris	Excused
Nikki O’Sullivan	Excused
Mary Price	Excused
Joe Stottner	X
Mike Tucker	X
Michael Garvin ( <i>observer status</i> )	X

- Call to Order** Dave Clifford, 7:05 pm
- Opening Prayer:** Mike Tucker
- Roll Call/ Welcome:** Roll Call Waived
- Approval of Minutes of December 2021 meeting:** Motion to Approve: Mike Tucker  
 Second: Michael Kay  
 Approved

**Commission Reports:**

- **Education** School - Report Waived  
 Adult Education – Report by Briana David
  - Cary Dabney of Walsh University is speaking on MLK Day
    - Topic is "Racism in the Catholic Imagination"
    - Wrap up of Social Justice program
    - Discussion of advertising at St. Mark
- **Liturgy** No Report  
 Comment from Fr. Adam
  - Preparing for Lenten and Holy Week liturgies
- **Social & Recreational** No Report
- **Social Concerns** No Report
- **Spiritual Development** No Report
- **Evangelization** Report by Briana David
  - Young Adult West Side Pod is planning events for 2022
    - Includes plans for a service project during Lent
    - Social events include planning a Casino Night

**Unfinished Business**

Christmas Morning Project ("CMP")

- Thank you from Dave to Briana David and Michael Key for assistance in coordinating, marketing, and providing volunteers
- Looking for feedback as to improving the process for future years
  - Increase participation in distributions on Christmas morning
  - Continue to collaborate with other groups at St. Mark: Holy Name Society, Youth Group, and Confirmation Candidates
  - Fr. Adam cautions against too much competition with other parish Christmas gift drives, but advises that he would not be opposed to continuing in the future

Strategic Planning Update

- Focus on four areas
  - Improved communication with parishioners
  - Improved incorporation of school families into parish life
  - Develop leadership within the parish
  - Continue to develop community outreach and community social engagement
- Will continue discussion of the SWOT Analysis at a future meeting

Discussion of Installing Solar Panels on roof of school or social hall

- Dave Clifford has a client who can provide consultation services
- Finance Council will make final decision

COVID-19 Update

- Face Masks are encouraged
- Trying to avoid cancelling events
- Looking for Omicron surge to end

St. Mel dual pastorship update from Fr. Adam

- Setting up a Pastoral Council at St. Mel; Fr. Adam is taking nominations
- St. Mel is dealing with COVID
- Fr. Adam said three funeral masses in six days

**New Business**

Arnold Avila

- Honduran artist who made the Stations of the Cross wood carvings that are hanging in the church
- Is currently staying in the United States and will be coming to St. Mark to visit and meet the parish

Fish Fry Discussion

- Discussion of bringing back the Lenten Fish Fry dinners on Fridays
- Need to establish a committee and process that takes into account restrictions from COVID
  - Delivery or Drive-Through service is considered
  - Will need to order supplies soon

Pastoral Council Elections

- Six new seats will be available – in addition to filling Tom Bodle's seat, the following will either be ending their terms or moving on:
  - Dave Clifford
  - Amy Asseff
  - Ed Morris
  - Mary Price
  - Nikki O'Sullivan
- Planning elections for spring
- Fr. Adam is considering some amendments to the Parish Constitution

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<b>Open Forum</b>	Amy Asseff will be meeting with Michelle Killen-Keith of Habitat for Humanity Faith Build on January 18 – to begin discussions of 2022 St. Mark Faith Build
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<b>Good of the Organization</b>	No discussion
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<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Fr. Adam
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<b>Motion to Adjourn:</b>	Waived
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<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm, location TBD
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