

St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021, 7:00 pm [via Zoom]

Prepared by Amy Asseff, Secretary

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

Opening Prayer: Paul Gambon

Roll Call/ Welcome: Roll Call Waived

Approval of Minutes of February 2021 meeting: Motion to Approve: Anna Maria Masterson
Second: Virginia Greuloch
Approved

Commission Reports:

• **Education**

School - Report by Karen Cocita

- Recent deaths: former student and husband of former principal
 - Asking for prayers
- End of year was a success
 - Field Day
 - Music Festival
 - Three graduations – 8th grade, kindergarten and preschool
 - Eight Grade Dinner was replaced with Movie Night
 - Seventh Grade Crossover took place within the school building instead of the church
 - End of Year events were livestreamed for parents
- All hiring is completed for 2021-2022 year
 - New teachers hired for Pre-K and Grade One

Adult/ Continuing Education & Faith Formation– Report by Virginia Greuloch and Paul Gambon

- No updates
 - Racial Justice small group facilitator training is still in process

- Discussion of review and commentary of papal encyclicals as part of adult faith formation
 - Paul is reviewing *Rerum Novarum* and preparing notes

- **Liturgy**

Report by Anna Maria Masterson

- Discussion of preparing articles for the weekly mass bulletins
 - Current proposed topic – the links between religious practice and improved health
- Encourage active engagement and participation in parish life
 - Developing a new ministry handbook and planning a ministry fair to educate the parish on the multiple ministries available at St. Mark
- Future plans with return of in-person masses
 - Restarting Donut Sundays
 - Plans to add more green plants in the sanctuary
 - Future collaboration with St. Mel after Fr. Adam is installed as pastor

- **Social & Recreational**

General announcements:

- Holy Name Society is planning the parish picnic
- Parish trip to Indians Game is being planned

- **Social Concerns**

Report by Anna Maria Masterson and Virginia Greuloch

- St. Mark is collaborating with Habitat for Humanity again and is planning volunteer build days
- Food Sunday will take place on June 27
- Parish Christmas in July program is being planned

- **Spiritual Development**

General announcements:

- Fr. Adam will be preparing a series of presentations on the Mass

- **Evangelization**

Report waived

Old Business

Update on Christmas in July outreach to local homeless

- Will be collaborating with St. Mark Youth Group
- Will need to coordinate with traditional Christmas in July collections to be taken by the parish

Review and approval of new mission statement:

- *St. Mark is a Catholic parish committed to fostering discipleship through the Word of God and the Sacraments. We are dedicated to providing Catholic education to our youth, to bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and to supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We encourage all parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.*

Holy Name Society is still planning a memorial to Tom Bodle

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Post-Pandemic Mass Opening

- Attendance was in conformance with typical summer mass attendance
- Will remove overflow seating from the Social Hall but won't remove all additional seating – Social Hall will remain available for additional seating

St. Mel update

- Fr. Adam will start as pastor in July
 - Fr. Adam may hold "town hall" meeting at St. Mel
- Not planning joint events for first few months

New Business

No Pastoral Council meeting in July

Discussion of starting Pastoral Council meetings in person in August

Open Forum

Dave Clifford thanks St. Mark for generous donation to Dave's Honduras ministry

Michael Kay is planning events with Youth Group

Paul Gambon reported on Facebook group organized by local parents opposing use of Critical Race Theory in Catholic teaching

Good of the Organization

Waived

Closing Prayer:

Virginia Greuloch

Motion to Adjourn:

Waived

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm – location TBD
Opening Prayer: Michael Kay
Closing Prayer: Joe Stottner