

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

7:30 pm

Parish Library C103

1. Prayer: Elizabeth Peters
2. Formation: Mouse Neumeister
3. Review of Minutes
 - a. No updates
 - b. Move to accept, seconded, and approved
4. School Update: Not present
5. PTPO Update: Cathy Abi-Khattar (by Email)
 - a. New board: PTPO Board
 - i. Kortney Roth - President
 - ii. Sarah Dsouza - VP of School Services
 - iii. Samantha Beavers - VP of Outreach & Development
 - iv. Jennifer Hooker – Director of Communications/Room Parent Coordinator
 - v. Macarena Janninck - Treasurer
 - vi. Frank Hill - Secretary
 - b. New Principal selected?
 - i. Are we hiring vice principal of St. Veronica? - This is a rumor, nothing confirmed
 - ii. Waiting on diocese for final decision
 - iii. Will there be a parish/school-wide celebration for Darcie? - nothing known/planned
6. Finance: Sean Moynihan
 - a. Light bulbs to LEDs
 - i. Lighting company has worked with diocese before
 - ii. Will do gym/Admin/Parking lots
 - iii. Gym fixture replacements
 1. Will take four hours
 2. Can be done during the night
 - b. Sanctuary
 - i. Bulb replacement (30% increased illumination due to style)
 - ii. Beam fixtures to change, some heads to change directions
 - iii. Return on investment much less since only on six hours a week
 - c. Phase 2: Narthex
 - i. Square panels replacement

- ii. New rebates from Dominion Power just announced – will delay process to apply and activate
 - d. Facility issues for next year
 - i. HVAC
 - ii. Electricals for HVAC
 - e. Over the year, parish raised \$2.7 million
 - i. Retirement funds are increasing
 - ii. Collection basket funds are still lower
 - f. Budget for the next fiscal year – will be spending a lot (about \$250K) but have money in the bank to cover most of the cost
- 7. Commission Reports (Questions or Discussion):
 - a. Service: Not present
 - b. Religious Education: Walter Gawlak
 - i. Gearing up for next year
 - 1. Vacation Bible School - July 15-19
 - 2. Raise Your Hand for Religious Education (next month)
 - ii. Mother-Daughter Tea
 - 1. Well received
 - 2. Possible proposal for Father's Day picnic
 - c. Community Growth: Betsy Zolper
 - i. Movie Night (Green Book)
 - ii. M&M's showing Bridge of Spies
 - iii. New senior care home in our area
 - 1. Individual houses converted to senior living homes
 - 2. Catholic attendee - Eucharistic minister
 - iv. Small Communities of Faith
 - 1. Calendar forming
 - 2. Wine and Cheese reception after Mass - September 21
 - v. Evangelization
 - 1. Diving Renovation Book finished
 - 2. 20-25 attendees
 - d. Worship: Bob Lemieux
 - i. Nancy and Tom Novelly are retiring; moving to Southport, North Carolina in early September
 - ii. Eucharistic Ministers
 - 1. Training next week, additional training in fall
 - 2. Some returning from sabbatical
 - e. Youth: Tom Pell
 - i. Jr High
 - 1. Bash (O'Connell)
 - 2. Jr High Last Night: 15 kids
 - 3. Volunteer Chaperones and Crew Leaders Needed for Work Camp - July 7-10

- ii. High School
 - 1. Last Night: 5 seniors
 - 2. Work Camp
 - a. Small number of participants from St. Mark – 10 kids
 - b. Again, assistance needed
 - iii. College
 - 1. Keeping the faith
8. Old Business:
- a. Review feedback obtained:
 - i. Set up video monitor, establish a committee to research this (Karen)
 - 1. Sound system
 - 2. Screen
 - a. Infrastructure
 - b. Cost
 - ii. Will research during summer, report in September
9. New Business
- a. St. Mark Town Hall
 - i. Set up rules
 - 1. What will be talked about
 - 2. What will NOT be talked about
 - ii. Gathering information, not necessarily answering questions
 - iii. Create sign up list
 - 1. Names
 - 2. Topics
 - 3. Set timetable
 - iv. The only people who email are those against the idea
 - 1. Silent majority
 - 2. You snooze, you lose
 - 3. Small desks and kids rugs in family friendly area? Concepts get lost.
 - b. Familiarization with those around you / Getting to know get togethers
 - i. Those starting
 - ii. Those new
 - iii. Career paths for high school
 - 1. Young adults
 - 2. Recently retired/Secondary careers
 - iv. Christians and commerce?
10. Eyes and Ears
- a. Cemetery
 - i. Two parishioner inquiries about whether it is running out of room
 - ii. Could we build an additional wall to hold the urns? - Crystal reports this is in plans
 - iii. Capacity will go up

11. Father Pat comments
 - a. Next meeting needs to move to September 19th
 - b. Executive committee September 9th
 - c. No decision at this point yet regarding moving pew
12. Closing Prayer: Father Pat

Meeting Ends at 8:44 pm

Next Meeting: September 19th, 2019

Commission Reports

Service

TO: ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL

**FROM: GEORGE McANDREWS
SERVICE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE**

DATE: JUNE 11, 2019

RE: SERVICE MINISTRY REPORT FOR JUNE 2019 MEETING

Bakers for Funeral Receptions: The bakers supplied goods for two receptions in April, three in May and one so far in June.

Blood Drive: No Activity

English as a Second Language (ESL): The Spring term concluded on June 6. The program enrolled 89 students from 38 countries.

Gift of Peace: The Gift of Peace delivers food donated by parishioners for a monthly meal at the Embry Rucker Family Shelter in Reston. There were food deliveries on May 2 and June 6. Each month, the donated food fed 48 homeless individuals.

Giving Tree / Adoption Ministry: No activity

Hot Meals Team (FACETS) / Hypothermia Shelter Program: No activity.

Matthew 25: During May and the first week of June, the Matthew 25 program collected over 2000 pounds of food and household goods, which were delivered to the diocesan St. Lucy Food Warehouse. Collections will continue throughout the summer.

McDowell County: No report.

Sunday Sustenance: No report.

Social Action Linking Together (SALT): SALT devised the attached Issues Sheet for the upcoming 2019 state and local elections.

On May 18, John Horejsi addressed the Annandale United Methodist Women's 150th Anniversary Celebration event. He spoke on "How to Change the World – But Not in One Day." In particular, he spoke about SALT's advocacy efforts to limit solitary confinement in prisons. The attendees reacted enthusiastically to his speech. Many of the attendees joined SALT

SALT has tentatively selected its priorities for the 2020 General Assembly. They are:

1. Elimination of prolonged solitary confinement for prisoners, especially for the mentally ill.
2. Ending the federal lifetime ban on food stamps and TANF for persons with a felony drug conviction.
3. Supporting the proposal to make Virginia's earned income tax credit refundable, in order to help low-income families.
4. Support maximum possible funding for a "housing trust fund." Virginia remains the most expensive state in the Southeast for renters, and the tenth most expensive state in the country.
5. Supporting a prison minimum wage bill. Currently, prison "pay" ranges from 23 cents per hour to \$2.00 per day to \$6.00 per week. The goal is to respect the dignity of prisoner labor, and enhance prospects for their economic success after release.
6. Support authorization of a program that would allow schools to take excess food prepared for student lunch period and donate it to no-profit groups, who would then distribute the surplus to needy households. Indiana has implemented this program, with great success.

Thanksgiving Clothing Drive: No activity. There will be no activity until July or August 2019.

Religious Education

Religious Education Report – June 2019

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA: The Mother-Daughter tea was enjoyed by all who attended. There were many multi-generational families. Many said it was a lovely event that allowed them to spend time with their daughters and connect with people they knew in the community. The tea was a

positive event that the participants would like to promote and continue next year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Ana Lisa is still seeking a couple of adult volunteers for the Vacation Bible School.

Religious Education Recruitment: Religious Education will begin recruiting for the 2019-2020 school year within the next few weeks. If you know people who love their faith and would like to serve, please send them to Ana Lisa.

Adult Faith Formation Report -- June 2019

Sunday Morning Program: There will be an Adult Faith Formation Session on the last Sunday in August after Masses. Many groups will staff tables to provide information and Registration opportunities.

Parent Workshop: There will be a parent workshop on the 2nd morning of Vacation Bible Study on Parenting through your temperaments, based on the ancient four temperaments.

Baptisms: Five Baptisms are scheduled during the month of June, including two private Baptisms.

Mystagogy: Mystagogy ended on Pentecost with a celebration and BBQ for the Neophytes, Newly Received, Sponsors, RCIA team, Clergy and Staff at the Lupinacci's home.

Future Catholics: Three Baptized adult women are meeting through the summer with the DRE to prepare for Reception into the Catholic Church at ST. MARK on August 10. There is also a Catholic adult preparing for Confirmation on August 10.

Future Planning: A team of Sunday morning RE parents are planning next year's Adult Faith Formation during Sunday Morning Program with the DRE this summer. A team is being formed to plan the Parish Mission, which will be help during LENT 2020.

To prepare spiritually for the upcoming ministry year, Jean will be on an eight-day silent Ignatian contemplative retreat at Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center in Maryland starting Tuesday evening, June 18.

Community Growth

June 2019 Community Growth Activities Report

Always Our Children: Held last meeting of the year. Meetings are every 2nd Monday evening of the odd months. Setting up a casual chat with our members and Fr. Tuck in June.

Bakers for Funerals: Baked for one funeral reception so far in June.

Bereavement Ministry: No June update.

Care for Our Common Home Ministry (CCH) –Mike Mayer with Xtralight presented lighting proposal to Finance Council at June meeting. CCH worked with parish staff on recycling policy. Walt Grazer will speak on migration as consequence of climate change on September 22nd. Speaker is jointly sponsored by Peace and Justice, CCH and Adult Formation.

Christians in Commerce (CIC): No June update. The NoVA Men's Chapter of CIC continues to meet every Wednesday in the Choir Room at 0645 (Fellowship & Vittles) followed by Prayer, Praise Teaching & Sharing from 7-8 am.

Cursillo: No June update. Meets every Tuesday 12:30-1:30 in Jean Lupinacci's office for those who have already made a weekend. <http://www.arlingtoncursillo.org>

Ecumenical Bereavement Ministry through the Becky Love Foundation (BLF): Continuing the group throughout the summer at the request of members.

Evangelist Ministry: No June update.

Funeral Receptions: No June update.

Knights of Columbus (Santa Maria Council): No June update.

Latin Group: Meets every Friday to study Latin. Led by Faith Roberts.

Le Cercle Francais: No June update. Continues to meet every Tuesday from 10 to 12 and converse en Francais.

MOMs Ministry: Monthly meetings and socials continue. Planning to reach out to Praying College Mom's ministry.

Movie Night: showed **Mary Poppins Returns** on Friday, May 10th. Smaller than usual attendance, about 65, probably due to Mother's Day and First Communion gatherings. Next Movie is on Friday, June

14th: **The Green Book**. Meant for adults, and includes an adult social before the film. M&M's are sponsoring a film the following Friday, June 21st, **Bridge of Spies**. This film is offered as a followup to the M&M visit to the Cold War Museum, and all adults and mature teens are invited.

Newcomers Committee: No June update.

Pastoral Care Team (PACT): New Senior Care home in our area Vienna Manor. Fr. Pat gave the Catholic resident the Sacrament of Healing and the Eucharist. She is scheduled to receive the Eucharist on a weekly basis.

Peace and Justice Committee (PJC): No June update.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We continue making prayer shawls in the summer. This is our 11th year. We also give baby blankets to the Pro-Life Committee for those who need support.

Praying College Moms (PCM): See June Newsletter at prayingcollegemoms.org. which include this prayer - **Exemplary Mother of the great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to Heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen** St. Monica: Patron Saint of Mothers

Pro-Life Committee: No June Update.

Remembrance Ministry: No June update.

Senior Ministry (M&Ms): The M&Ms toured the Botanical Gardens on the 29th of May and enjoyed lunch at the Metro 20 Cafe in Arlington. Our last after Mass coffee will be Wednesday, the 12th of June. We are visiting the Cold War Museum begun by Gary Powers, Jr, son of the U-2 pilot, Gary Powers, who was shot down by the Russians in May of 1960 and was held for 2 years. Gary the son has written a book about his dad and the M&Ms are hosting the movie "The Bridge of Spies" with Tom Hanks which focuses on the event and Powers eventual return in exchange for a Russian spy. The M&Ms will attend the July 3rd matinee at the Kennedy Center of "Hello Dolly". We will finish the year with the annual summer barbeque at Joe Kolasch's. The event will take place on Saturday, July 13th from 6:00-9:00 pm. We will begin again in September with the first Wednesday of the month after Mass coffee, 3rd Wednesday with a pot luck with a speaker and an outing that we will arrange in our next planning session.

It is with deep regret that we will be attending Peggy Brumsted's funeral on Friday, June 28th at 11:00 am with a viewing at St. Mark at 10:00 am. she will be missed terribly, but her legend will live on as the founder of the M&Ms along with Anne Shea.

Small Communities of Faith: No June update.

Soup and Stations: Paused until next year.

Welcome and Information Desk: No June update. Sue Heard and Cathy Wright are working on securing volunteers for the Welcome Desk on Donut Sundays. The remaining Donut Sundays are: June 9th (need a sponsor), September 8th, October 13th and November 10th.

Worship

Worship Commission (WC) Report – June 2019

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion (EMHC). Nine EMHC nominees have accepted the invitation to serve the ministry and have attended the required training. St Mark-specific training will take place Saturday, June 22. Commissioning will take place during Corpus Christi on 22-23 June.

Director of Liturgy and Music. Unfortunately for St Mark, Nancy Novelly will be retiring at the end of the summer. She and Tom will head down to North Carolina to enjoy a slower pace and the beach! Nancy has been an outstanding example of our Faith to all – especially those of us on the Worship Commission - and her leadership, knowledge and grace will be sorely missed. She regularly provides thoughtful Formation that is always inspiring. Nancy is forwarding a list of nominees to Father Pat for a potential Search Committee; let's pray for a replacement before Nancy leaves.

Youth

Notes for May/June 2019 Parish Council Meeting

Jr. High Highlights:

- Our Jr. High BASH on Saturday, May 11th, had 80 youth and 11 chaperones in attendance. Despite the rain, we all had a good time.
- For our last Jr. High Night on May 17th, we had an ice cream sundae contest with prizes with about 15 people in attendance.
- Confirmation Mass went very well. Bishop Burbidge gave us kudos especially at picture time. Nancy kept him well hydrated.
- Jr. High SERVE has about 10 youth registered so far with 2 adult leaders, but I need more compliant leader to be able to take more youth that are on the waiting list. The deadline in June 10 to register.

High School Highlights:

- The June Y&F Activity after Mass was the Honoring of the Class of 2019. We had about 5 grads RSVP with their parents and family plus about 50 other parishioners & Spirit Team that enjoyed the night. Thank you Fr. Pat for the blessing at Mass to the grads.

- HS WorkCamp is almost complete. All St. Mark WorkCampers are ready to go. They all went through the final meeting learning hands on about using the electrical saw, drilling and using an electric screwdriver.

College Highlights:

- Yearly College Night set for **June 19th** with the Associates of St. John Bosco. They had a table in the Narthex after all Masses this past weekend. One rep spoke at the dinner about their organization and ALL 5 GRADS SIGNED UP!

Young Adult:

- Ben Porter and a few other young adults are currently working on re-starting some Young Adult events here at St. Mark (Mass & dinner, Prayer group etc.). Surprisingly, many FB followers have stayed connected to St. Mark's Young Adult page and are interested in some events.