

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019
7:30 pm
Parish Library C103

	Agenda Item	Presenter
1	Prayer	Karen Asta
2	Formation	Andrea Kramer
3	Review of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send November to all for reapproval ● Electronic approval 	
4	School Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adding junior kindergarten ● Older age group, same material ● Recruiting science fair judges ● Preschoolers will have a uniform ● Extended day care for preschoolers 	Teachers for Darcie Girmus
5	PTPO Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not present 	Cathy Abi-Khattar
6	Finance Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insurance covers 30K of bats infestation removed ● Election of board ● Collection 281975 Var23K YTD Down 97K ● Total Budget is still up ● Green envelopes will keep money in St Mark's ● Op Expe 181K for month Var 21495 Still fine ● Net income 193747 ● St Mark School Report – 2 letters for registration 1 to parents and 1 to parents who are teachers ● Tuition rates ● April due for returns ● Might be down 25 students ● Thanks to the teachers ● Tithing Allocation 	Karen Asta for Sean Moynihan

Commission Reports

<p>Community Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thanksgiving Clothing Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 150 participated ○ 18,000 pounds of clothes ○ 14 local charities ● Giving Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2000 gifts ○ Cards more than 13K dollars ● Blood drive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 pints 	George McAndrews
<p>Religious Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Faith Formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talk up the programs ○ Visit ● Book Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Father Tuck ○ Student ● How to expand ● Need volunteer coordinator ● Need volunteers 	Walter Gawlak
<p>Community Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Care for a Common Home ● Movie Night successful ● Praying College Moms retreat ● Pro Life Committee\ ● Mission statement ● Out of town staging area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome and Information Desk ○ Seems to be functioning ○ Somewhat on self-control ○ Discontinue reports? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ This is a commission decision 	Betsy Zolper
<p>Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Day of Reflection 	Andrea Kramer for Bob Lemieux

Youth

- Jim Barrett to be stepping down as head

Karen Asta for Jim
Barrett

New Business:

Nancy Novelly

- Changing bell choir
 - Now have a complete set with the last addition
 - New support tree requirements
 - Pew removal
 - Aisle blockage
 - Talk to pew community to see how they would be affected
 - Music benefits outweigh losses of seats
 - Full bell choir
 - Additional instruments
 - Sturdier tables
 - Not critical to seating capacity
- Young Family Area
 - Front of Narthex
 - Move Welcome Stand to wall between Ushers room and side entrance to the main church
 - Television screen for young families
 - 180 degree vision
 - Announcements when mass not being heard
 - Saves time in creation
 - With the times
 - Visibility
 - Signs
 - Not visitor friendly
 - Passive aggressive nature
 - Often ignored
 - Cumbersome to move
 - Children's table
 - Low level coffee table
 - Children's bulletins and golf pencils
 - Two age groups
 - Goes with readings
 - Inexpensive
 - Clearing flow areas
 - Move Matthew 25 to hallway
 - Avoids clutter look

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Better access for groups ■ Stroller Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Place in the V cuts ● Easy access for those who need stroller to be in arms reach ● Alternate: Remove all remaining pews in Heaven's Waiting Room ○ Costs should be relatively low ○ Changes can be made on individual area basis ○ Management team 	
9	<p>Eyes and Ears</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● St Mark School Tuition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How does St Mark School measure up against the other schools in the diocese? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tuitions ■ Discounts for multiple children ■ Demographics ○ Many answers with Darcie Girmus ○ Social media concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The story of once the building is paid for, the tuition will go down ■ Unfounded rumor but it is still repeated ○ Building is paid for by the parish ○ Tuition pays for teachers, etc ○ When comparing to other schools, St Mark does not have additional fees (library, sports, arts, sciences). Some other schools do add these on. ○ Demographics 	Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcoming: Does St Mark provide for a welcoming atmosphere for new young families? ● Do we have to sing all the verses of the songs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Form of prayer ○ Generational ○ How much time does it really take? ● Concerns about articles cited in the bulletin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should we cite non-Catholic sources? ○ Brought by Right to Life ○ What is the review process 	
10	<p>Pastoral Issues/Status/Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What type of optics are we presenting? ● Are we forcing families into the narthex ● Older people getting grouchy is unfortunate, but that is something they will have to control ● Is pulling pews sending the right message? We could move the masses back to the Activities Center (except for Christmas and Easter) for space requirements. ● We are a community. 	Father Pat
11	Closing Prayer	

Meeting Ends at 10:05 pm
Next meeting: March 14, 2019

(Commission reports to be attached)