

St. Mark Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes † April 14, 2009

In Attendance: Tom Donahue, Kim Antolini, Scott Campbell, Dennis Coleman, Lizzie Espendez, Arthur Packard, Tom Rider, Theresa Rouse, Father Pat Hoare, Deacon Robert Murphy, Deacon Ron Sherwood, and Deacon Louis Pais

Excused: Rick Bonen-Clark, Mark Conter, Eileen Gallagher, Lisa Strickland, and Ralph Wearsch

Guest: Stacey Wackerman and Heather Belemore

Tom Donahue welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Communications Commission: Heather Belemore provided the following update on recent changes to the bulletin and the publishing process. The new bulletin will debut on Easter weekend. Submissions to the bulletin should be sent to bulletin@stmarknc.org. The cover will change with the liturgical seasons. The commission will typically allow a bulletin submission to stay no more than two weeks. Msgr. Bellow and Tricia McCaa will continue to proofread the bulletin on Monday and send to the printer on Tuesday. There is a need for 1 to 2 additional volunteers to handle bulletin assembly. The commission is dealing with the following issues: recruiting, establishing a 2 week maximum for bulletin advertisements, and consistent formatting.

Construction Update: Msgr. is planning a tour for the pastoral council at 7PM on May 5, 2009. No further updated was provided.

Minutes: The March 3, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Commissions:

Stacey Wackerman attended the meeting on behalf of the commissions. Rosemary Keeley has volunteered to lead Living Your Strengths. The Athletics ministry had been dropped from the ministry cart brochure; however, someone is now considering a role in this ministry. The ideas included in the brainstorming sessions are being assessed and will be discussed at the April 20, 2009 commission meeting. Stacey wanted to clarify that expenses for the upcoming dedication will be separate from the regular social committee budget. This was agreed upon at the meeting.

Goals and Objectives Review:

The discernment team received seven interest forms. One person, who was not self-nominated, is not interested. The Night of Information is April 22, 2009. The discerning candidates will be invited to attend the May pastoral council meeting.

The St. Mark Learning Center team met with Donna Smith who asked for guidelines for the education commission. Lizzie or Tom will attend the May 11, 2009 Adult Education ministry meeting.

Prayerful Reflection: The prayerful reflection was led by Kim Antolini.

Vision/Brainstorming:

The commissions are assessing the brainstorming ideas; the pastoral council executive committee will be discussing the 5-year vision on an upcoming retreat.

Old Business/Updates:

Kim Antolini provided an update on the dedication. Liturgy and music are progressing on plan. The Knights of Columbus will direct parking. There are a number of obstacles to remote parking, which is still under discussion. Arthur Packard will be the liaison between Knights and the pastoral council for transportation and/or parking during dedication. It was determined that the Huntersville police will be needed at the dedication. Flower memorials were suggested. Deb Lemmon is progressing on compiling the dedication book. The next meeting of the dedication team will be before the end of the first week of June.

New Business/Updates:

The pastoral council annual retreat and Hail & Farewell are scheduled for June 6, 2009. Tom noted that this is the day of the Community Outreach, but it was the only open date on the calendar.

The Community Outreach will be kicked off with a pancake breakfast at the school.

The annual Volunteer Reception will be on May 29, 2009 from 7-9 PM. Please RSVP to Phyllis Kiebler by email.

Arthur Packard raised concerns about how ushers conveyed the message about saved seats during the Easter Mass. Arthur will inform Scott Fisher.

Thank You Notes: Kim Antolini nominated Laura McLean for her work with the choir. Stacey Wackerman nominated the Dominican Sisters for visiting Lifeteen.

Closing Comments: None.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Robert led the closing prayer.