

## St. Mark Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes † November 3, 2009

**In Attendance:** Eileen Gallagher, Arthur Packard, Dennis Coleman, KC Shinnars, Chuck Chrimes, Msgr. Richard Bellow, Deacon Ron Sherwood, Dennis Coleman, Kim Antolini, Nancy Thibodeau, Deacon Robert Murphy, Theresa Rouse

**Excused:** Lisa Strickland, Lizzie Espendez, Ralph Wearsh, Tom Rider, Fr. Brad Jones, Deacon Louis Pais, Alex Sabo

**Guests:** Donna Smith, Heather Bellemore, Connie Andrews

Eileen Gallagher welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Disability Ministry:** Connie Andrews discussed the many wonderful happenings of the Disability Ministry. Discussed the budget shortfall they have of \$100. Arthur Packard agreed to help them find money outside of the parish funds. Kim Antolini also suggested going to Rosaryarmy.org for free supplies.

**Minutes:** The October 13, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

### Goals and Objectives

#### Education Ministry Update:

KC Shinnars is going to ask Lisa Modzelewski about joining the education commission. Donna Smith is looking for people who represent the whole population of St. Mark. Have 5 commission members and would like to have 7 members. Dale Ann Chrimes would like to be on the Committee. KC has also asked Rosemary K. about identifying those people who have taken Living Your Strengths to identify other possible candidates for the Education Committee and Commission.

#### Living Your Strengths

Dennis Coleman discussed the meeting with St. Matthew's LYS committee. The discussion centered on the 3 year process that St. Matthews has gone through to achieve a 30% engagement rate (Started at 15%). They have noticed a stronger engagement at St. Matthews. There was significant discussion about how we can take LYS and grow the engagement numbers. Looking to leverage the 3 facilitators to help drive this now for us as we are not able to do the survey or grow

#### Survey

Survey will start this weekend and run for two weeks through November 16. Kim A's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to stuff the bulletins this week as well as lectors will remind people before each mass begins. Website survey will be available this Saturday, November 7.

**Communications Update** - Heather Bellemore reported that new volunteers for a newsletter and welcome DVD have been identified. There is a spot on the website to sign up for the newsletter. A new spot on the website was created for volunteer opportunities. Discussion was had on the process that announcement go through to get into the bulletin. It was also discussed that we need the new mission and vision statements appear on the website as well as on the top of the bulletin correctly.

#### Old Business:

Council Constitution has been updated and is now on the website.

### **New Business**

Process and timeline for Council Discernment for 2010 was provided.

First announcement: March 13/14, 2010 - 1<sup>st</sup> announcement - bulletin/pulpit  
April 6, 2010 - Submittal of Names  
April 8, 2010 - First Discernment meeting - information meeting  
April 17, 2010 - Second Discernment meeting - Prayers, questions, voting  
April 19, 2010 - Announcement of new members  
May 4, 2010 - Attend Parish council meeting  
May 11, 2010 - Information/Organization Meeting

Epiphany party will be on January 9, 2010 at the rectory.

Looking to begin a garden ministry and for someone to own the responsibility to take care of the flora and fauna and help the church grounds looking nice

Much discussion was had on welcoming new parish members. Need to ensure that we continue to place phone calls to new members and the role of the council in helping that process

Discussion on also moving the 12:30 mass back to 12:45 or 1:00. This is due to logistics of getting people out of the 11:00 Mass with enough time for the next mass to begin with the appropriate reverence.

Kim A. discussed the video for the church dedication to be sold at the Christmas Bazaar November 21. Video will be of the full mass with ability to skip to different sections of mass. Will be a two disc set and will be sold for \$15.

Prayerful reflection by KC Shinnars

Thank you notes to Rosemary Keeley

### **Pastors Comments**

Msgr Bellow mentioned that the Diocese is going to be putting a new High School in the North Meck Area. Leveraging the HELP organization we are trying to get sidewalks from MacAuley to the church. Ordination of the 4 new priests will be at St. Mark in 2010.

We are getting ready for Christmas. A parishioner gave the church \$5,000 to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Going to have a manger scene

There will mostly be a change of the 12:30 mass to 1:00.

The new baptismal font is now schedule to be here before Christmas.

We will re-doing the parking lot at a time in the next month when the school is out.  
Deacon Robert closed with the Stewardship prayer.