

ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes from meeting February 24, 2009

Attending: Fr. Jim Sichko, Greg Gaerke, Ben Massaro, Linda Clark, Nicole Stuart, Jim Swartz, Billy Simon, Beth Grant

The February 24, 2009 meeting of the St. Mark Pastoral Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Faith Sharing

The Scripture for Sunday was from Mark 1: 12 - 15. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting, praying enduring temptations. How will Lent differ from last year for me?

Review/Approval Minutes

The minutes from the January 31st meeting were reviewed and approved, and the motion made by Jim Swartz and seconded by Greg Gaerke to approve them.

Introduction of Guest

Paul Doty was our guest. He described various programs as did the teachers who accompanied him. About 1/3 of the students attending St. Mark are Catholic. Pre-K is doing exceptionally well as enrollment is high and in demand. Test scores of students at St. Mark are very high and will be used as a tool to attract more students to St. Mark. Math, Science, Technology and Religion were discussed briefly as well.

Review of Parish Goals

Parish Unity: We often communicate opportunities to participate in stewardship through sign up sheets for various activities. Linda Clark will contact Cathy Cornett about planning a Stewardship Sunday so that parishioners will have the opportunity to share their "Time, talent and treasure. What is stewardship and how do we develop it? Father suggested the development of a parish newsletter describing one he had seen while visiting another parish. Billy will be contacting Ms. Rivers who publishes this newsletter; Father will send a copy to all council members and we will discuss ideas at the next meeting in March.

Other:

St. Mark School Survey: A survey developed by Mr. Doty and members of the school board. The survey will be distributed, one per family, at the masses on Saturday and Sunday, February 28th and March 1st. Pastoral Council members will assist at all masses.

Pastor's update and Parish Life

- TBD at the March meeting.

Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer was led by Ben Massaro.

Pastoral Council adjourned at 8:30 pm