

ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes from meeting November 18, 2008

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

The November 18, 2008 meeting of the St. Mark Pastoral Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Faith Sharing

The Scripture for Sunday was from Matthew 25:31 – 46. Discussion relating to the scripture passage "...For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty..."

Review/Approval Minutes

The minutes from the October 14th meeting were reviewed, and the motion made by Linda Clark and seconded by Jim Swartz to approve them.

Introduction of Guests

Michelle Monticello shared her views on the 12 Grand Event, its successes and areas for continued development and improvement. Among the many things she mentioned were issues with accounting, the availability of a room for the event and maintaining the security of the items used for the event, laptops, prizes etc., the price of the dinner, and the cost of the open bar.

Pastor's Update

Father expressed his thanks to Michelle, her husband George and the team they assembled for their commitment to this endeavor.

Father continued to expand on the future of the 12 Grand Event. The idea being that a multi-tiered approach which includes a couple of experienced individuals who will oversee the event. Assisting them will be a core team consisting of several individuals, each of whom will have a particular area of responsibility. They in turn will recruit a sub team to help them with that area. The hope is that by involving a variety of people, a pattern of succession can be developed so that the same people will not always be responsible for this event year after year.

Parish Life

- Final Dress Code for Ministers at St. Mark will be announced during Advent, and will be implemented January 1, 2009. The following is the final version:
 1. General: Refrain from wearing flip flops, tennis shoes, sleeveless shirts, strapless shirts, shirts with logos, advertisements or slogans, jeans and shorts. Slacks are acceptable.

2. Women: Skirts and dresses should be knee length or longer, Capri's are acceptable
 3. Men: Collared shirt or polo, no shorts.
- Also to be facilitated during Advent:
 1. Removal of chairs from the back of the church.
 2. New Parish office hours: The new office hours will be: Monday through Thursday 8 am - 12 noon and 1pm - 4 pm; Friday – Closed.
 - Pastoral council meeting schedule for 2009:

Parish Life

- Lenten Mission: TBD at the January meeting.
- Christmas Social: To Monday, December 22nd, at 7:00 pm. Guests will include council members and their spouses.

Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer was led by Father Sichko.

Pastoral Council adjourned at 8:30 pm