

## St. Mark's Parish Pastoral Council

October 10, 2018

### In Attendance:

Beyea, Dianne  
Burns, Fr. Owen  
Carvell, Trinda  
Connors, Michele

Howe, Marilyn  
Little, Peter  
MacDonald, Mike

McGrath, Lawrence  
Stroud, Anne  
Vienneau, Ben

### Absent:

Doherty, Bob  
Johnson, Kayla

Ellis, Wendy  
Sullivan, Michelle

Glasgow, Mary Alice

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michele Connors at 7:15pm.

The opening prayer was led by Peter Little.

The minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), were approved on a motion by Trinda Carvell and seconded by Ben Vienneau.

### Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- 1. October 13/14 Launch of Vision and Mission Statements:** Update: Michele: The vision and mission statements were shared in confidence via e-mail prior to this meeting. The statements were read aloud. The difference between a vision and a mission statement was discussed. The Launch is now scheduled to take place after both weekend Masses. Fr. Burns will give a Powerpoint presentation before Mass ends. The new Mission and Vision statements will be presented and the Parish Support Team (PST) members will be introduced. Our hopes and dreams for the parish will be mentioned, as well as some changes that have already been made. After Mass, parishioners will have the opportunity to meet the PST while sharing coffee, tea and cake in the foyer. Council was asked to encourage people to stay after Mass for the celebration.
- 2. Feedback received from September 21/22 revitalization letter:** As few Council members had received any feedback from parishioners, Michele asked instead for their personal reactions to the letter. While members felt that some parishioners may feel anxious or left behind, others have recently received positive feedback about increased attendance at Mass and new energy present. Positive comments have been received by members regarding the music at both weekend Masses.

### New Business

- 1. Role of PPC-current and future:** Michele asked Council members to brainstorm. Points discussed included Council's current role and its pastoral nature, what the Catholic Church believes about this role, transition into a visioning body, whether there is still a need for a PPC, the role of the PST, and Council's role in supporting our pastor and parishioners. Members agreed that we want to be effective when we meet, and we want what we do to be meaningful and impactful. Please refer to the "Brainstorming" document e-mailed to Council members for details.

**Key Messages:** Michele summarized the key points generated from this discussion:

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1. What is our role? Is this the best use of our time?
2. We have an opportunity to make a difference. Council members can become influencers and agents of change.
3. We need to provide a safe place for ideas to come.
4. Long-term planning/visioning is important.

### **2. Communications about revitalization: role of PPC:**

1. Michele proposed sharing information at a deeper level at our next meeting.
2. Marilyn felt that as we discuss our current structure, visioning will emerge.
3. Mike suggested that we need to develop standards and operating procedures.
4. Anne stated that it is important for Council members to have more information, as they will be on the front lines with parishioners.
5. It was agreed that Anne would send the current draft of the "Launch" FAQs to the Council members present at this meeting prior to the presentation on October 13/14. Michele asked that PPC members read the FAQs and become familiar with the responses. We need to be consistent with our messaging. If members are asked questions not included in the FAQs, they can tell parishioners that they will find out the answer and get back to them.

The closing prayer was led by Marilyn Howe.

Our next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on November 14 at 7:15pm in Room 1.