

St. Mark's Parish Pastoral Council

April 24, 2019

In Attendance:

Beyea, Dianne
Carvell, Trinda
Connors, Michele

Glasgow, Mary Alice
Howe, Marilyn
Little Peter

McGrath, Lawrence
Stroud, Anne

Absent:

Burns, Fr. Owen

MacDonald, Mike

Vienneau, Ben

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

The opening prayer was led by Michele.

The minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), were approved on a motion by Lawrence McGrath and seconded by Trinda Carvell.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1. **Discussion about the future of PPC:** All members: Michele stated that most members seem unsure as to the purpose of PPC, but that all individuals want to contribute. She offered to have 1/1 discussions with Council members, if they are interested, in order to help members discern their skills and talents and to identify the areas of ministry to which they feel called.

Mary Alice Glasgow mentioned that Anne McIntyre had provided the Alpha team with links to 2 survey tools for this purpose: Clifton Strengths Finder by Gallup, and the Spiritual Gift Inventory by St. Austin Parish in Texas. The Spiritual Gift Inventory is free, and Anne Stroud will e-mail members the link to this tool. There is a \$20US cost to take the Clifton Strengths Finder survey; Michele will check with Fr. Burns to discover if the cost could be covered by the parish. At our next Council meeting, we will discuss members' strengths. Michele will check with the Parish Support Team (PST) to determine the areas/ministries where PST sees the greatest need for new members.

2. **Vote on motion to remove the requirement that PPC be an elected body:** A vote was held on the following motion: That the *Constitution and By-Laws of St. Mark's Parish Council* be amended to remove the requirement for Council to be an elected body. This motion had been moved by Michele Connors and seconded by Trinda Carvell at Council's March 13, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

During the discussion that preceded the vote, it was noted that this change only eliminates the need to hold elections; elections remain an option, but are no longer mandatory. It was acknowledged that communicating this change is important. It was also noted that this change does not affect the ability of parishioners to attend regular Council meetings.

3. **Vote on motion to change the number of Council members from 14 to a minimum of 8:** A vote was held on the following motion: That the *Constitution and By-Laws of St. Mark's Parish Council*

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be amended to change the number of Council members from 14 to a minimum of 8. This motion had been moved by Marilyn Howe and seconded by Peter Little at Council's March 13, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **Strategy Workshop: Updated & Next Steps:** Michele Connors: Michele requested that Council members provide feedback regarding their experience at the workshop. Mary Alice stated that the workshop provided good information about where we are going, and was helpful in setting priorities and giving clarity. Marilyn Howe said that she left the workshop with a positive view-all those attending seemed to care deeply for our parish and to share a common vision.

The workshop facilitator, Tanya Chapman, will provide the PST with a summary package. PST will discuss the package at their next meeting, which is scheduled to be held on April 30, then Michele will share this information with Council. The information is to be treated as confidential. Five strategic pillars have been identified, and everything we undertake must support these pillars. Our next steps will be to determine how and when to engage parishioners, and to more fully describe the 5 pillars and focus on, and prioritize, goals. We will then need to set timelines for the goals, and to develop measures so that we can track our progress. This may be a role for PPC.

Update from Parish Support Team (PST): Information about the strategy workshop held on March 30, and our next steps, can be found above under "New Business". Michele also informed Council that the Finance Committee has already received and approved the first application made under the new fundraising policy.

Discussion: *Divine Renovation Apprentice: Section 3 "Leadership Development" pages 137-197:* All members shared their thoughts about the areas/issues in Section 3 that they found most impactful.

The closing prayer was led by Marilyn Howe.

Our next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on **May 15, 2019** at 7:15pm in Room 1.