

St. Mark's Parish Advisory Council

November 2, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Father Joe, Father Dan, Jeff Culbert, Rick Gebbia, Melissa Heike, Brigitte Kwasnicki, Teri McGrath, Ed Michonski, Ed Redmond

St. Mark's Picnic Review:

- We had close to 150 people
- Father is not sure how we did financially, but believes we were within the budget
- This year we had more parishioners from OLM than St. Mark's
- We have received positive feedback from many

OLM Back Home:

- The transition back to OLM went well.
- A number of parishioners have thanked Fr. Joe on behalf of all of us for our hospitality.
- This year the Thanksgiving Ecumenical mass will be held at OLM the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving at 7:00.

PAC Elections in December:

- Ed Michonski's term is up; he will run for reelection in December.
- Father will put something in the bulletin in November to see if anyone else is interested in running.
- Father suggested we print more of the PAC bookmarks we used last year to spur interest. Teri will look for the template.

Year of Mercy:

- Pope Francis' "Year of Mercy" will begin Dec. 8th.
- To go along with this, there is a DVD program "Doors of Mercy" that Father thought may be beneficial to St. Mark's. It's an 8 week program that can be done anytime – possibly for a Lenten program. Father plans to order the program.

Epiphany Pot Luck Review:

- The Epiphany Pot Luck lunch will take place on January 3rd at noon.
- Brigitte offered to do the sign up sheets and have them ready for masses the weekend of 12/5. It was agreed that last year we didn't have enough entrees so this year the sign ups will be A-E will do salads/appetizers, G-S will do entrees, T-Z will do desserts. The sign up sheets should state the family name, how many will attend and what dish they are bringing.
- Ed Michonski and Ed Redmond agreed to do the shopping for paper products, soda/water/coffee, etc. Teri will inventory the kitchen and let them know what is needed at the December meeting.

- Teri will shop for the tablecloths
- Brigitte will take care of a children's craft table. If she can't attend the lunch, she will send a box of craft supplies to be put out.
- We will need "all hands on deck" for setup the night before (Teri will get a key ahead of time)

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

- This year Father spoke first before the financial committee
- The pledge in pew was very successful again – St. Mark's had over 100 envelopes pledged
- It was decided by the Diocese that nothing will be said about the appeal in November and December and only to use bulletin articles to promote the appeal. A letter will be sent in January to anyone who hasn't pledged.

Chairs – Knights of Columbus offer:

- The Knight of Columbus would like to purchase chairs for St. Mark's to replace the green ones that are breaking, When asked, Father told them we'd like 100 chairs. The Knights are meeting 11/3 to see what they'll be able to donate. It is less than 100 chairs, we will approach the parishioners in the spring to see if anyone would like to pledge a chair.
- It was suggested moving forward we look to other ways to help with the funding of replacement chairs.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:30 pm.