

St. Mark's Parish Council

May 2, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fr. Joe, Jeff Culbert, Brigitte Kwasnicki, Meg Marino, Tom McCloud, Kevin O'Shea, Ed Parker, Nancy Sullivan and Dave Woeste

Market America Presentation

- Representative from Market America provided the PAC a presentation on a program where parishioners can purchase products and a portion of the proceeds will come back to the St. Marks
- Market America will provide an analysis as to potential fund raising amounts.
- The PAC discussed the risks, main concern is reputation risk.
- Decision to review potential income with Fin Committee and informal survey of parishioners before moving forward.

Opening Prayer

Grant Thorton Consulting Firm –

- Fr. Joe provide an update of this Diocesan initiative and a review for PAC members unavailable at last meeting.
 - This consulting firm has been engaged by the Diocese to assess all Parishes and Agencies
 - Expected to be a long term project looking at all aspects of the Diocese including Finance, better use of Priests etc...
 - Consultants and representatives from Diocese met with Fr. Joe on March 29
 - Most of the discussion was around finances given St. Mark's position
- Grant Thorton's review of the entire Diocese is ongoing, they are meeting with St Luke's this week
- In the interim each parish and agency is required to provide information, the due date for this has been moved and now due on May 6.
- The intent of this project is primarily to ensure all Diocesan agencies and Churches remain viable
- Possible recommendations could include working more closely with the three local parishes to better meet the needs in town.

Open PAC meeting –

- The Open PAC meeting is scheduled for June 11th after the 5:30 Mass
- This will be informal and the PAC will be sponsoring a Pizza Party
- A brief presentation and introduction of PAC members will be included, as well as the opportunity for Parishioners to ask questions and/or discuss ideas.
- Dave will check with Sheila to confirm the process for the last Open PAC meeting. Did we ask for RSVP's to get an expectation of attendance?
- Kevin will prepare a brief presentation and circulate to the PAC for review/approval
- Kevin will prepare name tags for new members to be worn at the meeting.

Other –

- PAC briefly discussed some SWOT items from two years ago including

- Brick Sales – good fund raiser for the Church. Being promoted through CEC for events (e.g. First Communion)
 - Kevin Fleming has dedicated time to “mapping” out the bricks
 - St. Mark’s has plenty of availability.
- Fr. Joe mentioned that our Parish Facebook page has been successful with 70 members currently.
 - Looking into the possibility of a discussion board within this portal