

St. Mark Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes † January 6, 2009

In Attendance: Tom Donahue, Eileen Gallagher, Kim Antolini, Rick Bonen-Clark, Scott Campbell, Mark Conter, Lizzie Espendez, Arthur Packard, Tom Rider, Theresa Rouse, Lisa Strickland, Ralph Wearsch, Msgr. Richard Bellow, Father Pat Hoare, Deacon Robert Murphy, Deacon Louis Pais, Deacon Ron Sherwood

Excused: Dennis Coleman

Guest: Ron Charbonneau

Tom Donahue welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Construction Update: Ron Charbonneau explained that the project is on schedule and on budget. The construction team is looking at second phase options in the event that there are sufficient funds to accelerate those options into the first phase of construction. The construction team has received pledges for all items that were on the "memorials" list.

Minutes: The December 2, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Brainstorming:

Father Pat facilitated a brainstorming session with voting members of the pastoral council. The council generated ideas of what the perfect St. Mark parish would look like, at some time in the future. Father Pat will consolidate the results of the council's brainstorming session with the brainstorming sessions of the parish staff and the commission leaders. Father Pat will present the results at the March meeting of the Pastoral Council.

Thank You Notes: Jim Lotito will be recognized for his carpentry and "handyman" work in the Parish.

Closing Comments: Msgr. Bellow requested dates from Bishop Jugis for the church dedication in late August and early September. The Mass schedule for the dedication weekend will be: Saturday 5:30, Sunday 7:00, 8:30, Dedication Mass at 11AM. There is some thought being given to memorializing bricks for the piazza, as a way for additional parishioners to feel connected to the parish. Msgr. is contemplating a new Mass schedule and will share it soon. The current assumption is that one Mass will be dropped.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Robert Murphy led the closing prayer.