

**St Mark's Prayer and Worship Commission
May 9, 2018 Minutes**

Attendance

Present:

**Michael Genet
Mary Gerber
Mark Kliethermes
Gene Foster
Stuart Miller
Eric Thompson - Staff
Emma Tostato – Parish Council
Dona Jacobs**

Absent:

**Rita Bryant
Seth Bosch
Keith Johnson**

Chairman Michael Genet brought the meeting to order at 7:15 and opening prayer was the Serenity Prayer.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

3. Parish Pastoral Council Report

Emma reported that there have been some roof repairs taking place along with regular church maintenance. June is the end of Emma's term on the Parish Council and we thank her for her time and talent.

4. Old business/New business

***Discussion continued regarding decorations for the church during special holidays.**

***The bilingual Mass will be continued and hopefully will flow a little smoother with some additional practice. Suggestion was made to do a bilingual Mass at other times and not just on special holidays. People do not yet seem comfortable combining the two languages together.**

***Stations of the Cross may be going back to only at noon times during Lent.**

***Adoration needs to still take place the Wednesday before Easter.**

***Eric will make an announcement again in September to try and recruit more choir members.**

***Stuart Miller's term will end in June as does Rita Bryant's if there are any new members they will be discerned in June.**

***At the ministry sign up table – Michael reported no one had signed up to join the Prayer and Worship Commission. Michael will ask Father if perhaps we**

should think about combining our commission with another due to dwindling numbers. Michael will also keep an ear out for any other parishioners who might be willing to join. Perhaps we need to refocus or redefine our role at St. Mark's.

Three areas were thought to be of special consideration.

- 1) Sound system upgrade-- We need to be sure that all parishioners are able to hear and therefore participate in the Mass.**
- 2) The teaching Mass-- We need to keep promoting this as all St. Mark's parishioners would benefit.**
- 3) New hymnal--The ones we have are approximately 15 years old. It is felt an upgrade is needed. Eric and Father Powers will handle the details.**

With no other business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 13. Prayer will be provided by Gene Foster and refreshments provided by Dona Jacobs.

Respectfully submitted Dona Jacobs, Secretary

Approved by Prayer and Worship Commission on June 13, 2018.