

ST. BRUNO PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
September 22, 2015

Members Present: Fr. Ralph Gross, Scott Vandenhouten, John Mezydlo Jr., Louise Diodato, Amanda Borth, Jerry Dorff, Jenny Harnack, Joe Kuenzli , Bob Leonard, Steve Paquin, Mary Pfaff, Pat Seegers

Member Excused: Fr. Chuck Wrobel

Visitor: Rita Borowski

Approve Previous Minutes: Bob moved that the August 18, 2016 minutes be approved. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thank You Cards

- Stewardship Committee
- Mundschau Family and Friends

A. Old Business

- Golf Outing earned \$2,000 more than last year with a profit of \$18,000. The money will be used for tuition assistance in the St. Bruno School and St. Bruno Parish. 114 golfers participated, 6 more than 2014.
- The Parish Picnic was successful. No details yet.
- Turkey Dinner planning is proceeding. More volunteers would be welcome, especially cleaning up. It is expected that volunteers will stay to help. Advanced tickets are being sold. 750 dinners will be available; the organizers are making sure that the people who bought advanced tickets will have meals when they come to pick them up.
- Eyes and Ears of the Parish – Responses to Conversation Starter – Who’s going to the Turkey Dinner? Most people like the new format, some will miss the social aspect of eating with others.

B. Lectionary Prayer with St. Paul Pastoral Council.

C. Pastor’s Report/Calendar

- The St. Bruno Council adopted the 2015/2016 Pastoral Council Meeting Schedule created by St. Paul Pastoral Council. The December 2015 meeting is cancelled. Please note that our regular meeting Tuesday, March 22, 2016 has been moved to Wednesday, March 16, 2016.
- Father Ralph shared with both Councils the new initiative by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Synod called #iEvangelizeMKE. The packet of information includes two short programs on DVD, business size cards to share with people, and reflection questions for parish staff, Councils, and small groups. An app for smart phones will soon be available free for the first 15 months; after that time of evaluation, the cost per parish is \$39 a month.
- October 4 – Turkey Dinner, please volunteer to help if you can.
- October 10 and 11 – Confirmation Retreat

- October 17 – Soles for Catholic Education Walk
- October 17 and 18 – High School Lock-In at St. Paul
- Oct 31 – Pastoral Council retreat at Camp Quad. Finance Committee and the Parish Staff are invited. Time to be determined, probably 8am – 3pm.
- November 1 and 2 – All Souls Day and All Saints Day
- November 8 – Pot of Gold Raffle Drawing
- November 11 – Archdiocese presents the Vatican II Awards to honor men and women who demonstrate the Church’s concepts set forth in the Second Vatican Council.
- January 12, 2016 – Proposed Common Meeting Night for St. Bruno Committees
 - traditionally held the second Tuesday of January.
 - hosted by Pastoral Council which provides sandwiches; each standing committee brings a dish to pass.
 - A short informational and educational meeting is held with all committee members and each committee makes a brief report (5 minutes or less) about the work of the committee.
 - Each committee decides whether to hold their monthly meeting, meet on their regular meeting night, or meet on both dates. Pastoral Council does not meet because each Council member will attend the committee meeting for which they are liaisons.
 - Pastoral Council will decide whether or not to have the Common Meeting night at the October 27 meeting.

D. Transition Initiative - Due to time restraints, Rita submitted the report by email.
See attached report.

E. New Business

- The Council reviewed the Parish Goals for January 1-June 30, 2015. See attachment.
 - Goal 1 completed.
 - Goal 2 not completed. The production of the Ministries and Committees booklet was turned over to staff. With the turnover of people and positions, the booklet has not been finished. Rita will inquire and nudge. Will carry over as a 2015/16 goal.
 - Goal 3 not completed. Needs to be carried over as a 2015/16 goal.
 - Goal 4 Pastoral Council part completed. Awaiting final report.
 - Goal 5 completed.
- New goals were determined for 2015/16. Council should create goals that focus on monitoring initiatives. See attached report.

F. Liaison Reports

- APC: No meeting to report.
- Communications: last meeting was cancelled.
- Faith Formation:
 - The Child and Family Ministry (Karen Farrell, Amy Golden), the Youth Ministry (Sarah Daszczuk), and the Adult Ministry (Mary Kral) are moving forward with their programs.
 - The Youth Ministry has a new name: John 10 Youth Ministry.
 - The Strategic Planning and Synod – Mass Education and Evangelization list has been given to Father Ralph and Father Chuck for approval.

- Human Concerns:
 - Several ministries need to be evaluated and perhaps enhanced: Danny's Helping Hands, Rice Bowl, and Life line/Circle of life.
 - Structure of HC Committee discussed
 - Currently, representatives from most of the various ministries are not a HC committee members. We discussed if they should be.
 - Somehow, it would be desirable to have these ministries represented and provide updates to HC committee regularly.
 - Action plan:
 - Plan to establish which ministries are active.
 - Which ministries are utilized and/or have a need within the parish/community?
 - Do these active ministries need to be enhanced, or should they be enhanced?
 - Rita provided advice on how to enhance the role of the HC to ensure we are effectively supporting our ministries.
 - Rita defined and discussed the strategic ministry initiative.
- Prayer and Worship:
 - July 12 Outdoor Mass went well; 175 people attended; many volunteers made it possible.
 - Altar servers are needed for 5pm and 8am Masses. Mark Gould will try to contact Joe Senglaub for ideas to remedy this.
 - Carol Pinter (Coordinator of Lectors) and Father Chuck will hold a Lector/Training session entitled "Problems with Paul" on September 26 and 27 between Masses. We are in need of more lectors as well for the 5pm and 10:30am Masses.
 - We are in need of ushers for all Masses. Rita Mezydlo is the Usher Coordinator.
 - On September 19 and 20, we will bless and commission those who are teaching at our Parish School and Parish Faith Formation.
 - A suggestion to incorporate Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment is to provide hard copies to parishioners as well as related intentions in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.
- School:
 - St. Bruno and St. Paul joint meeting:
 - What are other successful and/or failed collaboration models for parish schools?
 - Identifying best practices of collaborating schools.
 - Going to contact Archdiocese to get list of "thriving" schools.
 - Put together list of questions to ask schools.
 - St. Bruno
 - Formally kicked off Catholic Schools Walk.
 - No uniform complaints; new teachers are fantastic.

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 - The Parish Picnic was successful. No details yet.
 - New parishioners: none.
 - Family picnic: We are ready.
 - Raffle is in progress.
 - Turkey dinner: volunteers needed.
- Buildings and Grounds: did not meet.
- Finance Council:
 - The Finance Council wrapped up the fiscal year and sent its report to the Archdiocese.
 - 77 students enrolled to date for school year 2015-16.
 - 3K schooling: only five enrolled to date, these children will be included with the 4K students.
 - Three children transferred from St. Joan of Arc and applied to our school for \$1,200 in financial assistance. Father Ralph feels it is within our system guidelines.
 - School is going to apply for \$10,000 in financial assistance from Archdiocese Catholic Community Foundation. The grant for 2014-15 was used up.
 - Re budgeted items, about \$66,000 is available for various issues. Of that, \$40,000 is already committed.
 - New keyboard for Music Ministry is approved; the cost is approximately \$6,100. Request for donations is expected to cover most of the purchase cost.
 - Both St. Paul and St. Bruno will strive for integrated financials. Joint St. Paul and St. Bruno Financial Councils will be scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month in the future.
 - There was a review of FC chairperson's petition inquiry regarding ideal budgeting vs. actual from last year. Any similarity to ideal vs. actual was purely accidental.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 6:30pm at St. Paul.

Reminders: the December 2015 meeting is cancelled.

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Prepared and submitted by

Louise Diodato