

**ST. BRUNO PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 18, 2014**

**Members Present:** Fr. Ralph Gross, Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Paul Hoffman, Jerry Dorff, Lynn Haugner, John Mezydlo Jr., Pat Seegers, Steve Paquin, Scott Vandenhouten, Louise Diodato, Brian Frank

**Members Excused:** Carol Malaney, Amanda Borth

**Approve Previous Minutes:** John moved that the October 21 minutes be approved. Louise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Thank You Cards:** (Next time we will write these cards. Thank you cards have been ordered.)

- Dave Stuart, Mark Karpfinger, Mark Bennett for leadership of My Parish Our Future
- Jim Brahm for leadership of the Parish Raffle.
- Ernie Meyer & Mitch Fowler for their testimonials at Masses
- Our "Roof Guardian Angel" for replacing the roof on the old church

**A. Old Business**

**Pastoral Council Retreat (December 6, 2014, 8:00AM – 3:00PM)** – The Council's retreat will be held at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center. We will begin with Mass at 8:00 AM and a light breakfast. At 9:15 Jennifer Christ will be our retreat facilitator and her topic is "Living in Joyful Hope." Lunch is included. Father Ralph is inviting any staff members who wish to attend.

- **My Parish Our Future appeal** - \$2.1 million in commitments has been received so far. Based on past history, Leann projects at least a couple hundred thousand more dollars will come in.
- **Common Meeting Night** –January 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Paul will pick up the Arby's beef. Lynn will email an invitation to Councilors which should be forwarded to committee chairs.

**B. New Business**

- **Pastoral Council Goals** – Rita Borowski led the Council through the process of creating five parish goals to be completed by June 30. Rita and Fr. Chuck will wordsmith the goals and email them to councilors for approval.
- **Meeting on December 16** – Jerry moved that we cancel the December meeting. John seconded. Motion carried.
- **Calendar**
  - Nov. 18/19 Accreditation Team for private schools is on-site conducting an evaluation of St. Bruno School.
  - Nov. 20/21 Accreditation Team is on-site conducting an evaluation of St. Paul School.
  - Nov. 27 9:00AM Thanksgiving Mass

- Dec. 2 Communal Penance at St. Paul's, 6:30PM
- Dec. 6 Pastoral Council Retreat
- Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation (Sunday night Mass of anticipation on 12/7)
- Dec. 10 School Christmas Concert at 6:30PM
- Dec. 13 First Reconciliation
- Dec. 13 Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at 5:00 Mass
- Dec. 20 St. Bruno Communal Penance at 10:00AM
- Dec. 21 Lessons and Carols Concert

- **St. Paul News**

See Calendar dates (above)

### **C. Transition Initiative Report – Feedback on November 9 meeting**

The question was raised and a discussion went on as to why the decision about the organizational structure of the parishes didn't involve the input of the Pastoral Councils. It was noted that creating organizational structure is not within the scope of a Pastoral Council's responsibilities. The Council is a policy-formulating body that clarifies the parish's vision, establishes goals and witnesses the gospel message. Administrative decisions relating to staff and structure are the responsibility of the pastors. In this case the pastors felt that matching structures were needed for the two parishes. After making that decision and formulating a new organizational structure the pastors' first move was to call the November 9 meeting to inform the two Pastoral Councils.

### **D. Pastor's Report**

A district meeting to follow up on the Synod will be held on February 12 from 6:30-9:00 at St. Anthony's on the Lake. Each parish can send 8 delegates. Fr. Ralph, John Mezydlo, Jr, and Paul Hoffmann will be going. Five more parish leaders from staff, council, or committees (especially Liturgy, Formation, Human Concerns, and Stewardship) will be selected. Father is looking for volunteers to attend this meeting.

### **E. Ministry Reports**

- APC** – Paul –There was a discussion on the selection process of parish reps. One parish's difficulties highlight the importance of having a transition process.
- Christian Formation** – Amanda -No report.
- Communications** – Lynn –The committee plans to collect email addresses from parishioners in January. They were hoping to upgrade/improve the website, but will need to develop a new website with a new vendor. Fr. Chuck recommends that our Communications Committee talk to St. Paul's because they are also changing websites.
- Human Concerns** – Lynn for Carol – Thanksgiving Food Drive is going on. The Giving Tree is from Nov. 29 to Dec. 14.

**-Prayer & Worship** – Louise – Minutes were sent to all PC members.

**-School** – John – Plans for a school garden – location and cost - are being considered. Soles for Education was a success. Accreditation is going on.

**-Stewardship** – Jerry – Heather Mezydlo joined the committee. Last week we registered two new parishioners. Upcoming events include a Chili Dump, Men Who Cook (April 18), and an Easter Egg Hunt

**-Buildings & Grounds** – Pat- The old church has a new roof. Two projects have been postponed due to the early winter weather (parking lot & siding).

**-Finance Council**–Brian – The bike-a-thon as a fund-raiser and community builder is now on the back burner. The Budget Committee is forming.

**Mentoring Ministry**– Lynn - Betty Igl has been assigning established parishioners as mentors to new parishioners. They will be asking parishioners to sign up to be a mentor in December during Welcome Weekend activities.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

**Next meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 @ 7pm**

Prepared and submitted by

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