

**ST. BRUNO PARISH**  
**PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
August 18, 2015

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

**Members Excused:** John Mezydlo Jr.

**Visitors:** Rita Borowski

**Approve Previous Minutes:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015. Motion carried.

**Thank You Cards**

- Paul Kronschnabel – weeding
- Wayne Schwister – Golf Outing
- Ron Werowinski – tree trimming
- Michael DeStasio -- Golf Outing
- Eileen Rudnick– Marian Shrine

**A. Old Business**

- Memorial Monument Committee
  - Ernie Meyer and the Right to Life committee asked the Council to consider a memorial to the unborn. Scott asked for volunteers to serve with him on a subcommittee to meet with Ernie. Pat, Steve, Father Ralph and Jerry volunteered. Scott will set up a time with Ernie. The approximate cost of \$40,000 would be raised as a project separate from all other fund raising efforts.
- Finance Council Ministry Values Exercise
  - Tim Dittman has been invited to present the Values Exercise results at our October 27, 2015 meeting at St. Paul.
- Eyes and Ears of the Parish - Responses to Conversation Starter
  - Scott reminds each of us to wear our Pastoral Council nametags. Let Louise know if you have misplaced your nametag. It's important that we try to talk to Parishioners so they know who we are.

**B. New Business**

- Proposed Councils/Committees Meeting Schedule (attached)
  - It will be challenging for one Priest to attend all the required meetings. To simplify the Priest's schedule some committees will meet at the same location on the same night. Committees that the Priest is required to attend (Pastoral Council, Finance and Prayer & Worship) will meet on Mondays or Tuesdays. The two Pastoral Councils will meet alone for one hour, together for about a half-an-hour, and alone again for an hour. The Priest will spend an hour with each Council separately.
  - The Pastoral Councils will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month, alternating campuses. We meet at St. Bruno on odd numbered months at 7:00pm; we meet at St. Paul on even numbered months at 6:30pm. (Visiting Council starts at 6:30pm; home Council starts at 7:00pm).

- Committee Assignments—Each liaison gave a brief description of the committee they served on last year.  
Each liaison will send three or four highlights from their liaison committee meeting to Louise (the Pastoral Council secretary) shortly after their committee meets. Louise will include these highlights in the Pastoral Council Agenda, which is transmitted approximately a week before the Pastoral Council meeting. Councilors will view the highlights before the Pastoral Council meeting; clarification or questions will be addressed at the Pastoral Council meeting. This method of reporting should shorten the Pastoral Council meeting length. The committee assignments are:
  - The District 5 Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) representative from St. Bruno will be — Scott Vandenhouten. The District reps meet four or five times a year in the District.
  - Christian Formation (Faith Formation)—Louise Diodato; this committee meets the first Monday.
  - Communications—Bob Leonard
  - Human Concerns—Jenny Harnack; committee meets second Tuesday.
  - Prayer & Worship—Mary Pfaff; committee meets fourth Monday.
  - School—John Mezydlo Jr; committee meets second Monday.
  - Stewardship—Jerry Dorff; committee is scheduled to meet third Tuesday, has decided to continue to meet second Monday which conflicts with the School committee.
  - Buildings and Grounds—Pat Seegers
  - Finance Council—Joe Kuenzli, Amanda Borth; committee meets third Monday.
- Discuss possible Council Events – Installation/Introduction Mass? Photo? Retreat?
  - After some discussion, the Councilors agreed that they should have their installation ceremony at the 10:30am Mass. Mary will check with the Prayer & Worship Committee for a date in the near future.
  - Scott will ask John Kimpel to photograph the Councilors at the event.
  - The Councilors are agreeable to a retreat at a Retreat Center with the Parish Staff. Jerry explained that a Mass to start or end the retreat is an important factor. Scott will select a couple of dates in October; a subcommittee with Father Ralph will begin looking for a suitable venue and program.
- Synod Update/Reflection Questions
  - Father Ralph led the group through a reflection exercise based on Archbishop Listecky's July 2015 Synod Newsletter. Evangelization was the basic theme; the Councilors talked about obstacles to evangelization and what we can do to overcome real barriers (for example, winter parking) with solutions (free valet parking service).
- Upcoming Events Calendar
  - September 20, 2015 – St. Bruno Family Picnic, after the 10:30am Mass
  - October 4, 2015 – Turkey Dinner
  - October 17, 2015 – Soles for Catholic Education Walk at Mount Mary University. Register or donate at: [www.catholicschoolswalk.org](http://www.catholicschoolswalk.org). All profits benefit St. Bruno School

#### **D. Transition Initiative**

- Father Chuck presented an overview of the transition from two priests to one priest.
  - PE3/LW3: The plan to decrease number of evening meetings that the priests attend is on track. The various committees will confirm during August. This will be evaluated in December.
  - LW1: Mass Education plan is on schedule. A task force met to suggest ideas and this list is being reviewed for final presentation.
  - SC1-4: All four school strategies are on schedule. First meeting is August 24.
  - LW2: An initiative for Priests, Ministers, and Deacons to develop common practices is on schedule but scheduling a meeting is proving to be difficult. The timeline is being reevaluated.
  - PE4: Standardization of finance reporting by the two parishes is on schedule.
  - Strategic Theme Group: Communication committee is on schedule for solidifying recommended initiatives to be brought forward in September.

#### **E. Pastor's Report/Calendar**

- Father Ralph handed out an article from the August 18, 2015 Catholic Herald which detailed the settlement for abuse victims. The link to the article is: <http://catholicherald.org/news/local-news/14128-mediation-results-in-21-million-settlement-for-abuse-survivors>.
- Father Ralph gave a detailed report. The bankruptcy judge must now make a judicial decision on the mediation. It is believed that the judge will approve the mediation. Then the Archdiocese can move forward with its reorganization plan. Father Ralph will write a Pastor's Pen on this.

#### **F. Liaison Reports**

- District Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
  - No meeting
- Faith Formation
  - New Parish Staffing organization was introduced. Mary Kral is the director for Adult Ministry at both parishes. Sarah Daszczuk is the Director of Youth Ministry at both parishes. Karen Farrell is the Director of Child and Family Ministry at St. Paul. Amy Golden is the Director of Child and Family Ministry at St. Bruno.
  - For the foreseeable future the committees from St. Bruno and St. Paul will meet together following the odd month (St. Bruno) and even month (St. Paul) schedule.
  - A group of parishioners from both parishes will be formed to develop a number of ideas for the Mass Education initiative.
- Communications
  - No meeting
- Human Concerns
  - No meeting
- Prayer & Worship
  - No meeting
- School
  - No meeting
- Stewardship:
  - Picnic: 9/20 Chair Dave Stuart

- Golf final numbers unknown
- Turkey dinner October 4. Heather in charge. No problems! Plan 700 “take out” meals. -\$10.50/meal
- Parish raffle 10/25 start selling in September!
- New shirts for the “Stews”
- Chili Dinner 1/31/16
- Buildings and Grounds:
  - A teenager was on the top of the steel roof above the main entry. He posted his picture on Facebook and the proper people were notified.
  - The rectory and storage garage have new siding. Garage has a new door. Now you have to have a real key to get in.
  - Many hose bibs were replaced, outlets replaced and a new outlet is installed at the back of church on the second level
- Finance Council: No meeting

**G. Choose a Question for the “Conversation Starter of the Month” Reports**

- Several Councilors reported on some of the conversations they had with parishioners.
- The questions for September: Are you coming to the Turkey dinner? What do you think of the new format?

**Closing Prayer**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 7pm at St. Bruno

Prepared and submitted by  
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