

MINUTES

St. Bruno Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Meeting Room

MISSION STATEMENT: St. Bruno Parish is a community of people sharing a common faith in the teachings of the Catholic tradition. We come together to worship God and to spread the Good News that Jesus gave us. Through celebrating Christian unity, we provide emotional support and practice the works of mercy.

Date | time 1/24/2017 7:00 PM -9:00 PM | Meeting called by Scott Vandenhouten

Council Members Present: Les Vertz, Mary Pfaff, Joe Kuenzli, Eileen Rudnick, Louise Diodato, Steve Paquin, Scott Vandenhouten, John Hoffman

Excused: Bob Leonard, Pat Seegers

Time	Item	Owner
7:00-7:10PM	Opening Prayer/Song	Louise Diodato
7:00-7:10PM	Approval of November Minutes Minutes were approved by the council members present at 7:10pm	All
7:00-7:10PM	Thank You Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The decoration committee and Rebecca XX – Christmas decorationsTim Crain – multi-religion presentationAnne Millane – assistance with grant writing for the school & church	All
7:10-7:30PM	Old Business <ol style="list-style-type: none">Eyes and Ears<ol style="list-style-type: none">Comments on music ministry, especialyl Sunday morning Christmas massPastoral Council Retreat Planning Update – Scott made executive decision to post-pone the council retreat due to Father Chuck’s leaving starting right before the planned date, and with the planned retreat day potentially taking place in the first couple of weeks of Fr. Dan’s start with our parish	All
7:30-8:00PM	Combined Meeting with St. Paul Council <ol style="list-style-type: none">Prayer led by Fr. DanHe hopes to be a source of healing and to help re-ignite confidence.Discussion on mass times	
8:00-8:30PM	New Business Began this session with introductions of council members to Father Dan. Opportunity for questions to from council members to Fr. Dan	[Owner]

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How bad does stewardship and attendance need to get to close down a parish – many things are considered, our parishes are not in danger. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss long-term vision of the Parish that can be useful in the new stewardship campaign, to provide to finance committee. Including ideas for marketing campaign title. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Our debt reduction progress is ahead of schedule. b. We need to establish campaign slogan and determine what our parish values, where do we want to see our parish in the future. c. Suggestion: retreat to focus on where we see our parish in the future. d. Mark Bennett, Mark Karpfinger and Dave Stewart are heading up the stewardship campaign. Together with 90-100 volunteers. 	
8:30-8:40PM	Calendar of Upcoming Events	[Owner]
	<p>1.28.17 – St. Bruno Chili Dinner (5:00pm) – Stewardship committee provides chili with fixings and hot dogs, beverages. Parishioners donate dessert</p> <p>1.29.17 – St. Bruno Winter Carnival (12-3:00pm)</p> <p>1.29.17 – Catholic Schools Week Kick-off, starting with the 10:30am mass</p> <p>2.2.17 – St. Bruno School Innovation and Science Fair (6:30-8:30pm)</p> <p>2.10-2.12 – Couples retreat</p> <p>2.12.17 – Prayer, Food for the Journey (Thelma Walker) at St. Bruno Parish Room (9:00-10:15am)</p> <p>2.12-19.17 – Retreat for Men</p> <p>2.25.17 – St. Paul Dinner Auction – “The Great Gatsby Gala” (at The Legend of Brandybrook)</p> <p>3.1.17 – Ash Wednesday</p> <p>4.1.17 – St. Bruno School Auction Dinner</p> <p>4.16.17 – Easter Sunday</p>	
8:40-9:00PM	Committee Reports	All
8:55PM	Scott shared a reflection – God doesn’t choose the qualified, he qualifies the chosen	Scott Vandenhouten
9:00PM	Closing prayer	Father Dan

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Committee Reports

Committee:	Report:
APC: Jenny Harnack & Scott Vandenhouten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Niemer was present and gave synod implementation update. • Recommendations about a book – Great Catholic Parishes • Updates provided about the positive happenings at our parish. • Great discussions from parishes on how they have proceeded with combined parish initiatives.
Communications: Bob Leonard	No meeting
Faith Formation (1 st Monday - every month)	
Human Concerns (2 nd Tuesday – every other month) Eileen Rudnick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 2017 meeting cancelled due to weather, some reports were received from various committees: <p>. Circle of Life Report: 2016 activities. Sympathy cards are sent for a period up to 5 years after death. They assist at funerals serving coffee, water during visitations and being a presence; hosted an 8 week bereavement support group; hosted Remembrance Communion Service. Set up an altarcito during month of November.</p> <p>2017 Requests: Want to insert an informational flyer in the next Parish mailing concerning the 2017 Bereavement Support Group. Hope to target members who do not regularly attend mass. Are discussing the scheduling of a mass specifically for widows and widowers, with a light reception afterward. Do they have a budget? If so, what is it?</p> <p>Giving Tree Gifts, 2016 Report: A total of 809 items were donated to the following: Christ Child Society, Life’s Connection, St. Ben’s, St. Vincent DePaul, and Family Promise. Also gift cards donated totaled \$2,045.</p> <p>Green Team. From minutes of 11-17-16 meeting. No Dec. meeting</p> <p>2017 “Take 5” series. The same as 2016? Should a series at St. Paul’s be considered? How can they improve communication among team members? A discussion on the dangers of transporting fuel and other materials by train and pipeline. Recycling protocol to be followed when conducting parish meetings or events. Dave Arnott presented a program on the Oconomowoc River Watershed project.</p>

<p>Prayer & Worship (4th Monday – every month)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Carol Pinter will no longer be lector coordinator due to personal illness. Prayer and worship committee is looking for volunteers to fill this role. • Lent masses – set up and outline discussed • Recommendations for departure for Eucharistic ministers departure from alter and stair rail – building and grounds is working on this • Ministry sign up software system seems to be working well, but we continue to have a difficult time getting servers for mass
<p>School (2nd Monday – every month) Jenny Harnack, Les Vertz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Committee Notes: 12/12/16 ○ Principals notes: ○ Resolution of St. Paul parking concerns with creation of new parking and drop off process ○ Started marketing committee for the schools – St. Bruno had met already, St. Paul will be soon ○ Safeguard classes held at both sites to increase number of parents who are able to volunteer. ○ Working on negotiations for setting up each child with a chrome book (rescue dog is the company that we are working on negotiations with). ○ Parishioner from St. Bruno will be working with St. Bruno staff to educate on grant writing. ○ Concerns from parents stated: ○ Parents having a difficult time getting a hold of Ben ○ Multiple undetailed complaints are being stated, particularly from St. Paul ○ Concerns that the parking issues at St. Paul took 2-3 months to resolve. ○ Email box was full when parents tried to send message to Ben ○ Areas to work on at this time as identified: ○ Filling positions to provide more support when Ben is out of buildings ○ Enhancing communication between Ben and parents – email, etc. ○ Rekindling mentorship program at both locations ○ Winter carnival – at St. Bruno. 1/29/17 – start of Catholic Schools week. ○ Plan to post the school committee meeting dates regularly in bulletin ○ School Committee Notes: 1/10/17: ○ Technology committee formed, first St. Bruno meeting this week. Mr. Holzem will discuss plan to work with Rescue Dogs to contract for Google Chrome books. Goal is 1:1 computer ratio for kids grades 2-8th. Cost will be about \$40./yr. ○ Annual School Improvement Plan reviewed and updated. Discussed goal of increasing enrollment and improving teacher and student retention in order to get teacher’s wages to goal of 80% of public school salaries. ○ Ben has been giving personal welcome in Spanish to attendees at Spanish masses at St. Bruno’s. St. Jerome’s has ceased their Spanish masses. He continues to invite them here. He continues to look at ways

	<p>to expand the Spanish language program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint Grant Writing Committee formed by Mr. Holzem. First meeting over winter break with St. Bruno chair Ann Milane with goal of increasing field trip funds, especially academic field trips, and possibly and salary endowment fund. ○ Mrs. Gutbrod from St. Bruno has submitted a proposal for an outdoor learning shelter. The proposal was passed around for review. Manpower, tools and supplies provided through donations from parents of current students. ○ Winter Carnival hosted by St. Bruno at start of Catholic Schools week. Kids will be volunteering at both Sunday masses at each church. ○ \$5,000 tuition assistance grant has been approved.
<p>Building & Grounds Pat Seegers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○
<p>Stewardship John Hoffman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed details and planning - upcoming Chili dinner
<p>Finance Louise Diodato</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The balance on the mortgage has dropped to \$698,000. ○ Buildings and Grounds is looking at replacing the shingled roof on the front of the building with a metal roof. And resealing parking lot this spring. ○ Mark Karpfinger and Dave Stuart discussed initial planning for the next stewardship appeal. Pastoral Council should provide input on the long-term vision of the Parish that can be useful in the campaign. ○ Ben Holzem, School Principal, presented information on the St. Bruno School tuition structure and recommended some changes. The Finance Council voted to support the recommended changes to the tuition structure for St. Bruno Parish School as presented by Ben Holzem for the 2017-2018 school year.
<p>Marketing Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○