

St. Bruno Church

Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Hoffman at 7:02 PM. The Parish Mission Statement was recited aloud by all present. Then all joined in good voice to sing the hymn "We are many parts" - - -.

Those present were: Father Ralph Gross, Father Chuck Wrobel, Paul Hoffman, Amanda McCullough Borth, Carol Malaney, Pat Seegers, Scott Vandenhouten, Steve Paquin, Rita Borowski and Joe Kuenzli. ~ The meeting minutes of 11/18/14 were approved as published.

With the resignation of Brian Frank from the Council, Paul nominated Joe Kuenzli as a replacement person to fill the balance of Brian's term; nomination passed. ~ Appreciation cards were circulated among the members to pen personal notes of thanks to those for their services rendered to the parish in recent months. Those sent were as follows:

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| ➤ Dave Stuart, Mark Karpfinger & Mark Bennett | Leadership of My Parish-Our Future |
| ➤ Jim Brahm | Leadership of the Parish Raffle |
| ➤ Ernie Meyer & Mitch Fowler | Testimonials at Masses |
| ➤ Ron Werowinski, Nations Roofing | Roof replacement at the old church |
| ➤ Mark Gould | Lessons in Carols |
| ➤ Marilyn Herbert & Mary Daniel | Christmas decorations in Church |
| ➤ Brian Frank | Service to the Pastoral Council |

Reports were made re the Pastoral Council Retreat on December 6th, and well as the status of the My Parish-Our Future appeal. Fr. Ralph said he would make phone contact to persons in the Pacesetter category. ~ All felt the Common Meeting Night of January 13th went well.

The sign-up for the Appreciation Dinner to be held this coming Friday has been good. Circa 150 persons have indicated that they will attend. ~ All were reminded that Catholic Schools Week is coming up at the end of this month. ~ Fr. Ralph indicated he will be on vacation from January 29th thru February 8th. ~ Mention was made that there will be a joint meeting of the St. Bruno and St. Paul's School Committees on Monday, February 9th. ~ Also don't forget about the Holy Hour for Life presented by the deacons of St. Paul and St. Bruno, which will occur tomorrow night, Wednesday January 21st, St. Bruno Church at 7 PM.

Fr. Ralph mentioned that St. Paul held an informational meeting after each Mass last weekend, mainly centered on the remaining mortgage balance of the parish. ~ Father then passed around the Lectionary Prayer which was read and reread aloud by all. Members were asked to highlight certain words or phrases that each felt stood out. Thereafter petitions were sought for significant intentions. ~ Fr. Ralph reported that St. Bruno had met their dollar goal for the Stewardship Appeal for 2014; thus it logically followed that the archdiocese raised the bar for this year.

Fr. Chuck reported on the *Transition Initiative*. A revised organizational structure is being worked on when there will be only one priest for both St. Bruno and St. Paul. ~ Solicitations are being sought for point-persons for the various ministries. In the past Karen Warnes recruited and trained persons in the ministries; that will no longer be the case when she retires in spring. It was announced that Mark Gould will be the new liturgy coordinator as well as music director.

Fr. Ralph reported that thought is being given to start a *Divorce Ministry*. Also being considered is a ministry to help and counsel those married persons whose relationship are rocky. ~ Jan Lamparski has indicated that she will be letting go of her *Child Ministry* position that she has tended to for five years. ~ Take Five sessions will again be offered this coming Lent, and will be blended with similar Lenten initiatives from St. Paul. ~ The *Men Who Cook* dinner and auction is April 18th. What will the Council donate to the auction this year? ~ The automated heating/cooling controls for the church no longer operate; heat this winter must be adjusted manually each day. Bids are being sought for replacement controls, which are estimated to cost circa \$15K. ~ Three new parishioners signed on recently. ~ Plans are to have a joint Pastoral Council get-together for both parishes in early May.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, Fr. Chuck offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Kuenzli, Recorder