

## MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2011

**PRESENT:** Fr. Bill, Tim Geers, Donna Thompson, Kathy Waldeck, Paul Justice, Tom Salerno, Charlie Quehl, Janet Davis, and Guest: Ted Eldridge

**ABSENT:** Mark Zurlinden

**REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER MINUTES:** Minutes were approved

**TED ELDRIDGE - SUPPORTING ST BERNADETTE:** Ted stated that he would like to see all groups at St. Bernadette working together towards common goals, instead of everyone doing their own thing. It is his opinion that St. B needs to be run more like a business, with Sales, Service and Rewards as priorities. Ted suggested we run a "sale" on tuition to help increase enrollment in our school. He feels St. B needs to offer more information on our Graduation rates (how many graduate from high school or college). Ted will be discussing with the boosters, the idea of printing and selling tee shirts that say St B Boosters. Council shared some of the ideas we have been working on that have many of the same goals in mind, such as: bringing other Christian youth to our school, our 5 year Pathway, communication between and within all ministries, and structured budgets for each parish group.

**SHARING A PRIEST:** Tim has attempted to contact the chairperson of Pastoral Council at St. Thomas More, but to no avail as of yet. Council agrees we must get both councils together in order to BEGIN to discuss what are the fears, hopes, changes, opportunities, and challenges. Fr. Bill will email Fr. Wagner to see what's going on so we can all get together. STTM has (we believe) 3 Deacons, which would possibly also be shared when the time comes to share a priest, but they would still be assigned to STTM. There are NO plans for either Fr. Bill or Fr. Wagner to leave any time soon, But, reminded there are many ways one of them could have to leave sooner. Tim will continue to try to get a meeting date set up with both councils.

**STIEVENARD BEQUEST:** Tim has updated Declaration of Uses for all of council to sign at upcoming special meeting, which has been set for Monday, April 25th at 7 pm.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL TOPICS:** Fr. Bill would like council to consider future topics that should be addressed and to forward those to Tim ahead of meeting dates. Also it was suggested that we post in the bulletin to let parishioners know when a meeting will be and to suggest they contact a Pastoral Council Member in advance for any topics they'd like reviewed. We will be making minutes available on the Gathering Space bulletin board, along with getting our pictures hung there.

**ROMAN MISSAL - EDUCATING PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Much discussion on possible issues. Example of change; "Poured out His blood for you and for MANY" is the new version, which is closer to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, but the current wording "for you and for ALL" as Paul writes, could be confusing to some-- This is the new translation of the 1970 Latin text. We need to consider how much time; effort and money should be spent on preparing for these changes.

### **SCHOOL REPORT - MR SALERNO:**

PTO - Beginning to study options for change in the PTO structure. Discussing various options with other Principals, PAC, faculty, parents, Bob Armstrong and Fr. Bill - What will work for St. B. It will take some time to complete.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR - The suggested calendar was submitted to the Archdiocesan School Office, but has not received approval yet. Probably 1st day of school will be Thursday after festival.

SACRAMENTAL PREP - 2nd graders will have their Jesus Retreat Saturday, April 16, with First Communion Sunday, May 1. Eighth graders are completing service projects. Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 4, at the Cathedral.

SURVEY - A Satisfaction Survey was distributed to parents. They were asked to rate 14 areas of the school on a scale from 1-5. First rating was Importance, second was Satisfaction. The most important areas for parents were; academics, safety and teacher/parent relations. Least important were cafeteria offerings, financial assistance and latch key program. Parents were most satisfied with the faith based education, class size and academics, and least satisfied with the Parish athletic program, having very few extra-curricular activities and cafeteria offerings. Results are based on 32 respondents (a little less than 1/3).

REGISTRATION - Preschool registration is moving up nicely, with 32 4-year olds but only 12 3-year olds so far. K-8 registration is slower than expected, especially at the K level (13).

COMING EVENTS - Walk-a-thon, May 6; Field Day, May 20; Graduation, May 25.

**PASTOR'S CORNER:** Fr. Bill announced we have a new Auxiliary Bishop, Joe Binzer. Father feels he will be a great asset to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Dotty Mager is working on and revising our Parish History.

Work being done on a Parish Roster; with names, addresses, possibly emails, no pictures.

A Communal Reconciliation Service is Tuesday, April 12.

Fr. Bill said his health seems to be ok, which is in response to a few concerns brought up recently. Archbishop Schnurr has been invited to St. B for our confirmation in 2012.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, June 1, 2011 (Fr. Bill not available for May meeting due to confirmation and vacation. Council will meet Wednesday, May 4, 2011 for special Stievenard meeting).

**FAITH FORMATION:** Paul Justice