

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday April 20, 2015

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**In Attendance:** Angie Tucker (Chairperson), Sarah Holland, Rev. Bill Stockelman, Donna Cox, John Dickhaus, Janet Davis, Brian Baurichter, Laura Brausch, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

**Absent:** none

**Guest:** Liz Ingram, School Principal

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**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Tucker.

**Faith Formation:** Donna Cox offered a prayer asking Jesus to never let us take Him for granted and asking that He surprise us with His presence so we may see beyond our daily business and see the mystery that He represents. She then read 1 John 3:1-2, a passage that reminds us that we are children of God because of God's love for us and that what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

The members took a few moments to reflect upon the reading and then discussed what word or phrase in that passage had meaning for them. Members spoke of children being the face of God; of trying to be the best you can; of spreading God's presence; and of compassion. One member told of a close family member who had a revelation concerning another relative.

**School Report:** Liz Ingram provided the members with a handout showing a potential enrollment of 201 students next academic year based upon past trends. The handout also updated the members on upcoming student activities (service opportunities, fine arts night, graduation, etc.) and items being addressed by the Administration (government reports, staffing for next year, marketing efforts, etc.).

To assist with a school marketing program, the members were divided into 2 groups. Each group was given written statements or attributes about the school. The statements were printed on color coded paper, each color representing one major element of the school (education, social, etc.) Out of the statements provided, the groups selected one or two from each of the major elements. The selections will be combined with others to assist Ms. Ingram with the marketing project.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March 16, 2015 meeting were approved with three changes.

**Pastoral Council Constitution:** Chairperson Tucker announced that the final version of the revised Constitution was now ready for signatures. A signature form was passed to all members. The Secretary will add the signature page to the final document and distribute a copy to each member.

**Capital Campaign Update:** Fr. Bill reviewed the effort of the parish in regards to the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign. A Campaign Executive Committee and other volunteers have been working since January to reach out to parish members. Fr. Bill thanked the members of the Pastoral Council who also serve on that Committee. Fr. Bill then announced that the parish had actually exceeded its goal of \$580,000. He said that the parish will receive 20% of the funds up to the goal but it will receive 60% of any amount that exceeds the goal. The first rebate will arrive in December 2015 and a rebate will be issued every six months afterwards for five years. The amount of each rebate will be based upon the amount actually received by the Catholic Community Foundation from the previous six months. A telethon will be held on the next two Wednesday evenings (April 22 and April 29) and a final in-pew pledge drive will take place during the masses on May 2-3. That will conclude the capital campaign.

**Planning for Parish Transition:** Fr. Bill expressed a concern about moving forward with the collaborative region planning with only one parish actively working on the plan. John Dickhaus reminded the members of the role of the facilitator, a person strongly recommended by the Archdiocese. He/She can assist getting the right parties to the table. Mr. Dickhaus believed that our parish should have a game plan even if it may change in the future. The members agreed to continue its planning effort after the festival.

**Follow-Up To Presentation From Kathy Mosbaugh, Welcome Committee:** Chairperson Tucker reminded the members of the presentation last month by Kathy Mosbaugh. At that meeting, members agreed to attend upcoming welcoming breakfasts hosted by Committee. At the last breakfast, however, attendance was less than expected. The Welcoming Committee is exploring other options such as Saturday night wine and cheese social. Chairperson Tucker announced that the Pastoral Council will wait until it receives an update from the Welcoming Committee before taking any further action.

**Pastor's Corner:** Fr. Bill indicated that he had already provided information on the important topics and that no additional items need to be listed here.

**Parish Voice:** Chairperson Tucker raised three subjects:

1. It was brought to her attention that many parishioners were not aware that Emily Mulvey had accepted another position and was no longer working at St Bernadette. She recommended that an announcement be made in the bulletin informing parishioners.
2. A parish member suggested holding a winter festival as a fundraiser. The members discussed that idea but the potential for adverse weather, difficulty in recruiting volunteers, and securing adequate space were issues that make such an endeavor difficult.
3. There was also a suggestion of a flea market/craft fair. This has been done in the past but the organizers did not want to repeat the event. Besides such an event should not compete with the flea market conducted by the parish chapter of St Vincent DePaul.

Laura Brausch informed the members that she had a conversation with a new parishioner who felt very welcomed at St. Bernadette. The person did not feel as if she was judged when she came to mass.

**Closing Prayer:** Donna Cox offered a prayer asking God, through His Spirit, to see and respond to His love.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

**The next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday May 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM.**

Approved on May 18, 2015