

MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2011

PRESENT: Fr. Bill, Tim Geers, Donna Thompson, Mark Zurlinden, Paul Justice, Tom Salerno and Janet Davis

ABSENT: Kathy Waldeck and Charlie Quehl

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

FINANCE COUNCIL GUEST - LARRY BROKAMP: Larry is chairman of finance council. Larry reminded us that we are currently getting into the "leaner" months of the year. There is again a projected shortfall of around \$100,000 (seems to be an annual trend). Bob Armstrong continues to work on how finances/bookkeeping are kept, something that is coming and will help keep better records is more updated software through the Archdiocese. Increasing school enrollment is the ideal solution to make up the shortfall. The parish must address the yearly shortfall or we'll continue to pull funds from the bequest, which would eventually deplete those funds. St. Bernadette already operates a tight budget. The solution is to increase revenue. Many ideas were discussed and council asked Larry to look into possibilities like the land across Jenny Lind Rd. The parish IS growing.

FINANCE COUNCIL PRESENTATION REACTION: After much discussion it was determined that we need to market ourselves better and get the word out that St Bernadette is a wonderful parish to belong to. We could look at reaching out to other local Christian churches to invite their children to come to St. Bernadette school (their churches could subsidize their tuition) also we need to market ourselves to St. Peters and St. Mary's. Many other ideas were discussed.

WHY ARE WE CATHOLIC: Each council member shared their own short story of why we are Catholic and why we stay Catholic. Each story was moving and gave insight into each others person.

5 YEAR PATHWAY: Once finalized, the goal is to share it with each ministry. To review their goals, what can council do to help them implement it, & where do they fit into it. Council will reach out to various ministries by going to their meetings to share the 5 yr Pathway goals.

SCHOOL REPORT: Tom reported on the following;

Parents complaints (how they are handled, etc)

Registration, going well. Presently the demand is very high for preschool.

Handbook, revised. A film on bullying shown to students, will also be shown at PTO meeting to parents.

Open house, there was a great response, visited by many.

Currently looking into improving some of the technology.

Teachers contracts are being reviewed.

PASTOR'S CORNER: Fr Bill reported that there are alot of upcoming weddings at St. Bernadette this year. He will be gone on retreat from Sunday, January 13 through Friday evening, January 18. Fr. Bill reviewed some of the new changes to be coming in November 2011 with the new translation of the Roman Missale, there will be music changes, prayers will change, Father will be informing the parish with ongoing updates. Beth Himes will be having discussions on these changes with chairpersons of a few ministries.

PARISH VOICE: Nothing to add. Reminder, anything to be added to the agenda, needs to be forwarded to Tim in advance

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 2, 2011

FAITH FORMATION: Charlie Quehl