

February Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 6th, 2013

Present: Fr. Bill, Sarah Holland, Bev Barnes, Angie Tucker, Mark Zurlinden and Donna Thompson.

Excused absence: Charlie Quehl. Absent: Paul Justice

Faith Formation: Presented by Mark Zurlinden

January minutes were approved and will be sent to Sylvia for publication.

Welcome to Angie Tucker: Angie Tucker was welcomed as a new member to council. She will replace Jim Sperry who left his seat vacant due to relocation for employment. Angie's term will expire October 2014.

Look How Far We have Come: Discussions on the various programs offered at St. Bernadette. Diverse groups have been more beneficial to our community growth. Our volunteer base has been growing and we are seeing fathers volunteering for school functions as well as the mothers. Fr. Bill said his first impression of St. Bernadette was the goodness of her people.

Where Do We Go From Here?: Discussion on future programs to be held. A class on the Catechism, to be led by Fr. Bill, is one possibility. A mentor program for school families would be another. The mentor family would help to evangelize the new family. Bev will put together a packet to present to Tom Salerno. Discussion time for the program will be allotted at a future PC meeting.

Future PC Elections: Terms have gotten off schedule due to the building of the Church and the implementation of the Stievenard Council. The terms are due to expire as follow: 2013 – 4 terms, 3 elected positions and one appointed by Fr. Bill. 2014 – 2 elected positions and 2015 1 elected positions. Discussions on solutions to rectify the problem so that two positions would be elected each year, with an appointed position in the third year were held. Proposals were made, but no decisions at this time.

School Report: Open House went very well and was highly attended. 94 students are registered at the current time. 25 have been registered for Kindergarten. There will be two first grades next year with the possibility of a second Kindergarten being added. The Father/Daughter dance will be Thursday, February 7th. There is a large number registered and more expected at the door.

Pastor's Corner: We will be hosting a second Christ Renews His Parish. The men's weekend will be March 2nd and 3rd. The women's weekend will be March 16th and 17th. Fr. Bill said he has been contacted by six individuals interested in the mission trip to Juarez, Mexico in October. He reiterated this is not a parish funded trip.

A very well written letter was received from Hailey Kocisko expressing her gratitude for the excellent education and value system she received from attending St. Bernadette School.

Preparations are underway for the spring dance "Dance the Night Away". It will be held Saturday, April 13th. Tickets for a Major Raffle will be sold. Donations for other prizes would be appreciated.

Childcare has been moved to the Parish Center due to scheduling conflicts with Stievenard Hall.

Four RCIA candidates will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Three will be receiving Confirmation and one will also be baptized.

Confirmation will be Monday, April 15th at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6th, 7:00 pm.

Faith Formation: Donna Thompson and Angie Tucker