

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

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

Absent: Paul Justice and Charlie Quehl

Guest: Emily Mulvey

Faith Formation: Presented by Sarah Holland

Minutes: December minutes were approved and will be given to Sylvia to publish on the parish website.

New Evangelization: Emily Mulvey (CRE) led a presentation to outline the plans and programs to be implemented at St. Bernadette over the next three years. These are in response to the Archdiocese and American Bishop's call to New Evangelization. The attendance at the Masses within the Catholic Church has been declining. The Bishops have provided criteria to help parishes engage and educate all members. The core group to implement and oversee the programs will be Adult Faith Formation. Emily will keep the Council advised on the programs and committees through e-mails, links to presentation, request for resources needed and visit back to Council. Council members will reflect on how we can best support and help bring the vision to fruition.

Five Year Pathway: Fr. Bill provided the new members with copies of the Pathway and explained the purpose and vision behind it. Council agreed to set a time in the future to re-evaluate the document. It was observed the Pathway already holds elements of implementing programs in working towards New Evangelization.

Pastor's Corner: Fr. Bill reported the Gathering Space in the new church will finally receive its finishing touches. Mary Barnes Clark and Dana Baker will design artwork to be displays on the right side. The artwork will read "St. Bernadette All Are Welcome". Funds will be taken from the building fund to pay for the artwork

Pat Kellerman is building shelves which will be hung on the left side. The shelves will display literature and handouts which are now placed on tables.

Military mailboxes have been constructed by Charlie Barnes. These will also be placed in the Gathering Space. There will be five slots, one for each branch of the military, identifiable by a plaque for that particular branch. A list of military personnel from St. Bernadette will be provided by the mailboxes. Parishioners will be able to offer prayers, support and gratitude through letters placed in the mailboxes.

Panels depicting the history of St. Bernadette will also be displayed.

Stievenard Meeting: Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm. Members who will not be able to attend should advise Bev of their absence and provide written proxy for their vote.

February PC Meeting: Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm. Faith Formation will be provided by Mark Zurlinden.