

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

In Attendance: Bev Barnes (Chairperson), Sarah Holland, Rev. Bill Stockelman, Donna Cox, Paul Justice, John Dickhaus, Laura Brausch, Liz Ingram (School Principal), Angie Tucker, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)
Absent: None

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairperson Barnes.

Faith Formation: Angie Tucker presented an opening prayer followed by a gospel reading. Members prayerfully reflected upon the reading.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 2013 meeting were approved with a correction to the month listed in the header of the document (November was changed to December).

Constitution Review: Chairperson Barnes began the continuing discussion on revising the Parish Constitution in preparation for the migration towards a shared priestly ministry in 2017. The discussion focused on the current use of “advisory groups” (paid specialists) as opposed to committees. There was general agreement that three groups (Finance & Operation, Faith Formation, and Education) are necessary but there was no consensus on the term to describe these groups or how they will serve the Pastoral Council. After some discussion, the Chairperson ended the conversation and asked Members to reflect upon the expectation of the groups and a term to best describe their role.

New Evangelization: Father Bill asked the Members to attend a presentation on Monday, January 20th at 7:00 PM at Stievenard Hall. Sean Ater will offer an outline for reviving our faith. His talk will focus on efforts to provide additional formation to practicing Catholics, reaching out to those with no religious background, and those who have lost the vitality of their faith.

School Report: Liz Ingram expressed her appreciation for the great community at St. Bernadette. The school currently has 183 students (K-8) and 50 in the pre-school program. More children today have multiple needs and she expressed a concern that teachers must have what they need to address those needs. This may require re-allocating resources. There may be a need for an additional classroom next year if enrollment increases.

Pastor’s Corner: Father Bill informed the Members that the Catholic Ministry Appeal will soon begin. There is a new video that is very good. A link will be provided to parishioners so they may view it.

Mardi Gras Update: Sarah Holland informed the Members that plans for the fundraiser are continuing. Tickets will be \$35 each. An iPad will be awarded at the event. A “DJ” has been booked.

Parish Voice: Angie Tucker expressed a concern about housing more students in the school if enrolment increases.

Adjournment: After a closing prayer was read by Angie Tucker, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson.

Please note: Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes Approved: 2/5/2013

*Chuck Cullen
Recording Secretary*