

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 1, 2015

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

**Absent:**

**Guest:** Brian Caperton, Director of Faith Formation

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

**Faith Formation:** Brian Baurichter spoke of the time during the crucifixion when Jesus said that He was thirsty and was given wine to drink. Afterwards, Jesus said: "It is finished". Mr. Baurichter asked the members what did Jesus mean by saying "It is finished".

Mr. Baurichter continued by explaining some of the steps that take place during the Passover Seder meal, particularly the drinking of four cups of wine. By taking that last cup of wine on the cross, Jesus was completing the transformation of the Seder meal into Himself. His drinking of the wine on the cross "finished" the change from the previous covenant with His new covenant.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting were approved with one change.

**Council Members Updates for Parish Directory:** Chairperson Tucker asked members to update their contact information for the next Parish Directory. She passed around a copy of the current Directory for members to review and provide new information if necessary.

**School Report:** Fr. Bill reported that five (5) teachers will not be returning this coming school year. Liz Ingram, School Principal, is busy filling those vacancies. With that many vacant positions, it creates some uncertainties with the budget. Enrollment is expected to be 203 for the year. Fr. Bill noted that when he started at the parish, school enrollment was about 135 so "something must be going right".

**Welcome Committee Follow-Up:** Chairperson Tucker reminded the members of the invitation by Kathy Mosbaugh of the Welcome Committee to join her in upcoming gatherings with new parishioners. A wine and cheese social will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. mass. Chairperson Tucker passed around a sign-up list for those who could attend and bring an item to share. October 17 and January 16 are the dates of the next social.

**Pastoral Region Planning:** Fr. Bill met with Fr. Wagner of St. Thomas More parish to discuss the upcoming creation of a Pastoral Region. Additional discussions will be held in the near future. Pastoral Council will accelerate its planning efforts after the festival. (Note: Each member was given a flash drive with documents related to the Pastoral Region for their reading.)

**Pastor's Corner:** Fr. Bill informed the members about:

- The completion of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign. The final pledged amount was \$878,325, far over the target of \$580,000. Most (71%) of that amount resulted from personal meetings with parishioners.
- The postponement of the fall men's CRHP session until March, 2016.
- Archbishop Schnurr's response to the recent Supreme Court ruling on same sex marriages. He said that the decision was disappointing but that those in same-sex relationships deserve

love, respect, compassion, and pastoral care from the Church. He also indicated that priests were not required to perform same-sex marriage ceremonies.

- The hiring of Brian Caperton as Director of Faith Formation.
- His (Fr. Bill) serving as Spiritual Liaison to the parish athletic teams to assist in the efforts to better treat athletics as a ministry.

**Parish Picnic:** Members of the Council discussed potential dates for the annual parish picnic. After considering the options, the members selected Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will commence at 4:00 p.m. with games for children. Food will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the picnic ending at 7:00 p.m.

**Parish Voice:**

- Chairperson Tucker, whose term on the Council ends in October, asked members to consider the position of Chairperson for the next year.
- John Dickhaus provided an update on working concessions for Reds game. He said he and the other seven volunteers have worked five games so far and will work another seven. The parish receives \$560 per game. He may expand the program next year if enough volunteers are available. There are no plans to work other events but he is exploring a kickball tournament fundraising opportunity.
- John Dickhaus updated the members on the festival. He said that:
  - There will be a new kid's game.
  - The basket raffle will be moved to the gym leaving more room for bid-n-buy.
  - There will be several new booth Chairs.
  - Same food and drink items will be offered.
  - A car magnet (about 5" X 8") promoting the festival will be on sale soon for \$5.00.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

**The next Pastoral Council Meeting is Wednesday August 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The next Stievenard Meeting will be held on September 2, 2015 after the Pastoral Council meeting.**