

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 5, 2017

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**In Attendance:** John Dickhaus (Chairperson), Brian Baurichter, Janet Davis, Sarah Holland, Paul Justice, Patty Prior, Jeff Racic, Rev. Tim Ralston, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

**Absent:**

**Guest:**

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**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

**Faith Formation/Opening Prayer:** Paul Justice distributed a handout discussing vocations and the role of the priest. The document stated that priests exist for one main purpose: to offer the sacrifice of the mass. Priesthood, therefore, is a perpetual reminder of the gift of vocation. They are a living example of how the faithful are to make their lives. One priest in particular, St. John Vianney, was mentioned as a model of the priesthood. He overcame several difficulties before finally being ordained a priest. He was proclaimed as the "Patron of all Priests" by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009.

After the reading, the members reflected upon the message presented in the handout. Sarah Holland recalled how a deacon at a retreat help reinforce her faith by showing how it is OK to be human and that it is not necessary to be perfect in one's faith at all times. Paul Justice told the members about the impact of field masses conducted by Fr. Wagner on the hood of a vehicle when he was in the service. Brian Baurichter noted the how spiritual consequences of our actions are not always immediate, while physical consequences of our actions are often immediate. Others said that while many Christian churches provide good works, only the Catholic Church offers the body and blood of Christ.

Patty Prior asked Fr. Tim what can the members of the Council do to assist him. Fr. Tim responded that his welcome to St. Bernadette has been great and that he asks the members to assist in whatever way they can. His goal is to make disciples of everyone.

**Introductions:** Each member of the Council made a brief introduction of themselves to Fr. Tim.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the June 7, 2017 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

**Pastoral Council Elections:** Chairperson Dickhaus reported that the time for Pastoral Council elections are approaching. The following scheduled was approved for the elections:

When	What	Who
Aug 26-27 & Sep 2-3	Announcement at pulpit about upcoming nominations	Pastor
Sept. 9-10	Collect nominations for Council	Council Members
Sept 11-14	Members call those who have been nominated. Members inform Chairperson of interested individuals. Council Chairperson sends questionnaire to nominees.	Council Members
Sept. 26	All interested nominees must have questionnaire completed and submitted to church e-mail address along with their photo.	Candidates
Oct 7-8	Bulletin insert with candidate information.	Church Secretary

Oct. 14-15	Parish election weekend. Council members pass out ballots before all weekend masses then count ballots.	Council Members and Chairperson
Oct 16	Chairperson informs those elected.	Chairperson
Oct. 22 9:00 AM Mass	Installation and renewal of Pastoral Council members.	Pastor & Council Members

The Members also reviewed and updated the Council Member Nomination Information document and the Nominee Questionnaire.

**Updates:** Chairperson Dickhaus provided the following updates:

- School Registration (K-8) for the upcoming year is currently at 225 (218 last year). There is adequate room to accommodate these students.
- Donna Cox is looking for help with scripts at the 11:00 AM mass. One family has volunteered to assist her in this endeavor.
- The Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday September 11. After some discussion, the picnic will commence at 4:00 PM. Details will be discussed at the September meeting.
- The parish campus planning project will resume in the fall.
- The Festival's Grand Raffle has already generated sufficient revenue to meet its expenses.

**New Business:** Patty Prior brought up two issues. One issued concerned a report that there had been no Pastoral Council meeting minutes published on the web site this year. This was confirmed by Sarah Holland. This matter will be looked into. Patty also mentioned a traffic visibility concern due to the placement of the electronic sign and a tree near the intersection of Locust Lake and Jenny Lind. This issue will also be examined.

Chairperson Dickhaus made a motion to remove Fr. William Stockelman as an authorized signatory of the parish bank accounts and approve Fr. Tim Ralston as an authorized signatory of those accounts. There were no questions or discussion from the members on this matter. The motion was approved (7 Yes votes, 0 No votes, 1 abstained (Fr. Tim Ralston)).

Jeff Racic then inquired about the financial status of the parish. This inquiry began a conversation concerning revenue and expenses. The Members agreed that adequate financial data is needed for Pastoral Council to better advise the Pastor. This conversation also included a discussion about the role of the Parish Finance Committee and Pastoral Council. Chairperson Dickhaus agreed to contact the Business Manager and get financial data for the September meeting. Ideally, a three-year trend report would be useful to the Members.

Sarah reminded the Members that the "Burgers and Beer" event will take place after the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor's Corner:** Fr. Tim reported that he has spoken with the Business Manager about the parish finances and that future discussion will be necessary.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

<b>Next Meeting -- Wednesday September 6, 2017 - 7:00 PM</b>
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