

MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
June 1, 2011

PRESENT: Fr. Bill, Tim Geers, Paul Justice, Kathy Waldeck, Donna Thompson, Mark Zurlinden, Charlie Quehl

ABSENT: Janet Davis and Tom Salerno

REVIEW MINUTES FROM APRIL COUNCIL MEETING: Minutes were reviewed and accepted on May 4, 2011, at the last Stievenard Meeting (a regular council meeting did not occur since Fr Bill was at Confirmation downtown.

REVIEW OF JOINT COUNCIL MEETING BETWEEN ST. BERNADETTE (STB) AND ST. THOMAS MORE (STM): Council reviewed discussions on the hopes and fears and possible issues to come when we share a priest with STM Parish. Discussions on where do we go from here. Fr. Bill stated that there are 5 consultants helping other parishes with the process. Fr. Bill Wagner is to get with Jim Brown, who is one of these consultants, to help our parishes in the process. In the very near future, a small group needs to be organized to get the process moving. Hopefully, someone from both councils will be in this group. It was restated that all communications need to go out at the same time from both parishes. Both councils are concerned with having good communication. Tim will get in touch with Pastoral Council President at STM to determine full agenda for the upcoming joint council meeting at STM. Fr. Bill stated "We MUST get a plan in place." A statement made at a recent priest luncheon was that parishes don't need to duplicate each other. One parish may do ABC ministries well, while another parish may do DEF ministries well, if each parish focuses on what they do well, it could make a vibrant church together. As the lay people of the parishes become more involved in the future, it may help bring out each parish's character/identity.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE/DEACON: Fr. Bill feels that growing concern for his health is what is partly behind the push to consider getting a Pastoral Associate or Deacon for STB, BUT also knows that parishes must get ready for the day when we have a shared priest. Fr. Bill reviewed duties that a Pastoral Associate, a Pastoral Minister or a Deacon could perform for the parish. He also admitted he could do a better job with his leadership position with help in other ministries. Council discussed the possibility of a permanent Deacon being available for STB and what we need to do to get one. Fr. Bill will talk to Barry Mersman who is head of the Deaconate Program of the Archdiocese. Council is in favor of moving forward with the idea of getting a Deacon for STB.

COMMUNICATING WITH NEW MEDIA: We have a new person helping upgrade our website that is very good but is currently very busy. It is in the works. Much discussion finding ways to connect with people using technology (examples: emails, Facebook, our website and using monitors in the Gathering Space). We need to think what is possible to build this community and spread the gospel.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT STB OVERVIEW: This Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> the Mass at the Grotto, upcoming parish campout (June 24-25), Pig Roast for students and parents (PRP, school and boosters), Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> the Educational Session on the Roman Missal for parish leaders, festival August 19-21. A parish picnic has not yet been scheduled for this year. The recent parish hike had 18 hikers.

END OF YEAR BUDGET OVERVIEW: Fr. Bill reviewed the current budget- a deficit continues for the fiscal year. Without the help from the Stievenard Bequest, we'd fall even further behind.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** End of school Mass today. All of the teachers are planning on coming back next year. Sr. Judy got a hot air balloon ride to celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a Franciscan Sister, PTO got parents to help donate for the event. A recent email received by some on council and the Principal's Advisory Committee was discussed, it was determined that the Principal's Advisory Committee will review it and Fr. Bill will respond to it.

**PASTOR'S CORNER:** A short discussion on parishioners getting surgery. A new Faith Formation list was started for council for the rest of this year.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, July 6, 2011