

Parish Council Meeting  
May 2nd, 2012

**Present:** Father Bill, Tim Geers, Donna Thompson, Bev Barnes, Mark Zurlinden, Paul Justice, Charlie Quehl, Jim Sperry

**Guest:** Mr. Salerno

**Minutes:** March minutes were reviewed and approved with a correction to the reference to the 2010/2011 enrollment year. That will be revised to be 2012/2013.

**CRE/Pastoral Associate:** Beth Himes resigned as Director of Religious Education. A parishioner had learned that the position may be open and expressed an interest. Father Bill indicated that this individual would be going through a group interview process. The main focus of the position will be for PRP and the RCIA process. This will take approximately 19 hours per week. An additional 6 hours will be added to this position to learn the role of pastoral minister. Father Bill would train this person to be an assistant to the pastor of a church to prepare for the time when we will need to share a priest with St. Thomas More. Parish Council members support this proactive idea.

**Spiritual Life Committee:** This group has been very diligent with spiritual activity throughout the year. This includes the Alpha program, Salt & Light, Concerts, Prayer Meetings, and Healing Services. In the fall, there will be a Theology of the Body seminar.

**Worship Commission:** The goal is to make Sunday mass more meaningful and spiritual. A survey was promoted a few weeks back and 37 surveys were returned. Results are forthcoming.

**Youth Ministry:** Amy Zurlinden is the director for this effort. The numbers for Tri-Edge have been going down. The adults involved with this group are looking into smaller group meetings with trained adults and maybe 5 to 6 week sessions as an alternate activity for the youth of the parish.

**Adult Faith Education:** In September of 2012, Christ Renews His Parish will be presented for both men and women on separate weekends. St. Thomas More trained parishioners will sponsor the weekends for us.

In general, there is unending potential here at St. Bernadette. We have everything we need to be more engaged in our spirituality. Using social events to fuel faith formation is one way to try to engage our community. Providing a place for PRP parents to meet while their kids are in class on Monday's could promote community as well as spirituality.

**School Update:** There are 152 enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year. 45 are in Kindergarten which is why there will be a second Kindergarten classroom. The 8th grade class next year will pilot a tablet PC program. Wiring for Wi-Fi will be investigated by Mark Armstrong. School finances for next year were presented to show that the increase in students will offset the increase in expenses associated with adding a second Kindergarten classroom as well as support the extremely small increases the teachers will get.

**Stievenard Meeting:** The next meeting will be May 16th and we will be discussing 3 requests for funds at that time. Tim will be sending out the agenda shortly.

**Pastor's Corner:** Father Bill has been part of a class where the most recent topic was, "How to get older and younger priests to talk to each other." This is a real problem.

**Parish Voice:** Donna Thompson spoke about a family that was asking if they would be able to do fund-raising efforts after masses to raise money for a family member who is ill. Council deliberated and advised that it would be a better topic for the upcoming Stievenard meeting.

The church picnic will either be on September 9th.

**Next Meeting:** June 20th at 7:00 (June/July combined meeting).

**June Faith Formation:** Donna Thompson