

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 7, 2014

In Attendance: Bev Barnes (Chairperson), Sarah Holland, Rev. Bill Stockelman, Donna Cox, John Dickhaus, Angie Tucker, Laura Brausch, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Paul Justice

Guest: None

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Barnes.

Faith Formation: Laura Brausch offered a prayer asking for God's mercy and knowledge. That was followed by a reading from the Catechism of the Church. The reading evoked the importance of the laity within the Church and reminded the reader how acts performed by the laity, when accomplished in the Spirit, are transformed into spiritual sacrifices. The song "Do Something" by Matthew West was then played to the Council members. Afterwards, the Members reflected and discussed the meanings of the prayer, reading, and song.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Financial Overview: Father Bill provided some financial information for the Members on behalf of Mark Armstrong who was required to attend another Church function that evening.

1. May 16 will be the last date for Bingo. It has become too difficult to retain enough workers to staff the activity.
2. At this time, it appears as if the St. Bernadette Parish expenses will exceed the operating revenues by \$25,000 this fiscal year.

Importance of Planning (Next Steps): Donna Cox presented an overview of Chapter 2 (Change and Transformation) of "The Art of Change". She informed the Members that change is inevitable. Managing change well, however, can lead to stronger more committed parishioners. The key is having an effective plan and getting people involved in the process. Members then discussed ways to get people involved.

Blue Ribbon Committee: To formulate a plan to address the upcoming changes at St. Bernadette, the Council Members will assemble a diverse group. They will, among other things,

- Revisit the parish mission, vision, and objectives
- Examine what will change and what will remain the same
- Re-imagine our welcoming efforts

Members are to submit to Father Bill a nominee for this Committee by May 16.

Pastors Corner: Father Bill informed the Members of the following:

- Another 2nd grade will be added next school year. To accommodate this class, the plan (not yet finalized) will have the new 2nd grade in the room currently used for art class. Art will move to the music room and music will be relocated into Stievenard Hall. No permanent facilities will be erected in Stievenard but some storage will be needed.
- The proposed dates for the Pastoral Council election process are now set. The nomination process will begin during the weekend of August 23-24 with the actual election taking place during the weekend of October 4-5.

Parish Voice: No comments presented.

Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Laura Brausch.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Please note: Next meeting will be Wednesday July 2 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes approved on July 2, 2014