

November Pastoral Council Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Present: Fr. Bill, Angie Tucker, Bev Barnes, Laura Brausch, Donna Cox, Paul Justice, John Dickhaus and Sarah Holland

Faith Formation: Bev Barnes

Minutes: The September & October minutes were received and approved. Bev will inform Donna minutes were approved and send minutes to Sylvia for publication on Parish website.

Secretary: Fr. Bill is looking for someone to take minutes during the Pastoral Council meetings.

Welcome: Fr. Bill welcomed newly elected members Donna Cox and John Dickhaus and newly appointed member Laura Brausch.

Virtus: Reviewed with council who must be Virtus trained and the requirements of the Archdiocese.

Stievenard: Fr. Bill reviewed the responsibility of Pastoral Council as it relates to Stievenard requests.

Reflection: Fr. Bill asked council members this question: What Kind of Parish Do We Want St. Bernadette to be? All responded. Here are some highlights: A warm, proud and inviting parish to all - not just to people we know. To inform people we don't know of the happenings at St. Bernadette and invite them to join. Have Parish and School feel like one entity. Achieve more involvement from our younger members and to see enthusiasm of people growing in faith and spiritually. Fr. Bill would especially like to see a Parish where everyone does something beyond going to Sunday Mass. He also mentioned the need for Lay Leaders.

Finance Committee: Bev attended the Finance Committee's October meeting and asked them to put together a stewardship plan for the Parish. The preliminary plan should be delivered to Council in early February. The goal is to determine the financial needs of the Parish and communicate those needs in an easily understood manner in order to sustain all the great programs St. Bernadette currently offers each year. It is important that our Parish be self-sustaining.

Pastor's Corner: A recent security issue at the school prompted the need for the "Shelter-in-Place" procedure to go into effect until a suspicious teen was detained by the police. An assessment of the school's safety has been performed by Pierce Township Police and Liz Ingram is currently working with Mark Armstrong to provide proposals of recommendations for greater safety of the students. Liz has also indicated she would like to provide "ALICE" training to the students.

Parish Voice: Angie requested looking into the possibility of installing some sort of curtains on the windows behind the altar of the church. During the morning Masses the sun is in the eyes of many attending the service. The young children especially stare at the sun which is harmful to their eyes. Fr. Bill suggested Angie contact Dana Baker for information.

Homework: Fr. Bill provided an article by Joseph Bragotti, mccc called "Be Positive" that each member is to read by our December meeting and give feedback.

For December 4th meeting, we need to address moving January's meeting to January 8th as the first Wednesday of the month is January 1st.

December Faith Formation: Sarah Holland