

MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2011

PRESENT: Fr. Bill, Tim Geers, Donna Thompson, Charlie Quehl, Kathy Waldeck, Paul Justice Tom Salerno and Janet Davis

ABSENT: Mark Zurlinden

REVIEW MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING: Minutes were reviewed and accepted from the September meeting.

SCHOOL REPORT: Tom reported school picture day is tomorrow, October 5th. No Mass next week. Students begin Iowa tests next Tuesday. On Thursday, October 13, school will kick off a magazine drive - Mrs. Sheila Gibson will work with a new company for this drive. Sr. Helen Lucille Habig will visit on Monday, October 17. She is the liaison for this side of Cincinnati and helps with accreditations, curriculum planning, etc. All school Mass on Tuesday, October 18 (Tom has a Principals' meeting in Dayton on Wednesday). PTO has been replaced with SSG (School Support Group). First general meeting will be Thursday, October 20. St Bernadette School will have a presence on Facebook. A parent with vast experience in marketing and using Facebook is designing the page and will help in monitoring it. Enrollment is now up to 136. Cafeteria - a teacher is in the lunch room each day with the younger grades (K-4) which is working well. The 7th and 8th graders want to establish a service club. They currently have about 15 ideas for service projects, and they will be coordinating some of these for the other students to help with.

DR RIGG - ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL OFFICE VISIT: The meeting was held at St Bernadette on Friday, September 16. Present were; Fr Bill, Tim Geers, Tom Salerno, Larry Brokamp, Debbie Flamm, Bob Armstrong, Dr. Rigg and two of his staff members. Dr. Rigg got a lot of background on St. Bernadette. Dr. Rigg assigned 2 staff members to help us with our situation (demographics, marketing, potential growth, etc). Larry Brokamp has established a School Marketing Committee that includes: Joyce Ell, Sylvia Guthrie, Melanie Murray and Ted Eldridge.

ENGAGING NEW MEMBERS & CURRENT ONES WHO WANT TO HELP: Discussion centered around the fact that new members and current members sometimes have problems getting connected to ministries they want to get involved with. Discussed possible ways to help minimize the gap and get the ministries connected to all those interested in serving that ministry. Fr. Bill would like to get a monitor for the Gathering Space and has already gotten a donation to help in the cost. Council would like to see a ministry corner in the weekly bulletin, explaining and detailing a different ministry each week.

PASTORAL COUNCIL VISITORS: Council would like to be sure they meet with different ministry leaders throughout the year. Finance Council has expressed much desire to greatly increase the communications with Pastoral Council. Council agrees so we can have ongoing information, support and can better work together. Council wants Bob Armstrong to come to council meetings quarterly to update council on finances. If he could not make a meeting, he could send someone from Finance Council in his place. Top of the ministry list to invite to upcoming meetings are: Finance Council, Boosters, and Welcome Committee.

PASTORAL COUNCIL TOPICS YEAR IN REVIEW & SETUP CRITIQUE: Tim gave a wonderful printout of Councils agenda breakdown, which detailed each topic reviewed over the past year and the amount of time (and percentage of time) we have devoted to discussing each topic. It showed us where we have committed our energy and time towards. The largest amount of time was put into Parish Life and Future Planning. Both are very important and have ongoing needs.

FALL PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - PLANNING: Council discussed who was covering each Mass to both hand out ballots and to collect them afterwards. Kathy and Janet are to count all ballots together after the 11 am Mass and notify the winners and then call and thank all those who did not win. Paul said he would also help count ballots as long as he was available since he is on call this weekend.

MINISTRY FAIR: Fr. Bill reported that all is ready to go. Diane Brunner is leading this important event. She is to have a box there to add suggested ministries.

PASTOR'S CORNER: Fr. Bill reported that he and 9 other area priests had lunch with Archbishop Schnurr. He reported that some Pastoral Regions will need to be redesigned as some are not working well. Fr. stated that the Archbishop does not see a need for Communion Services on Sundays in place of regular Sunday Mass in spite of the priest shortage.

PARISH VOICE: Tim stated that last Tuesday he attended the Roman Missal class. He said it was a good turn out and people seemed very accepting and enthusiastic. Donna gave council an update on things our Pastoral Region is doing and planning. All is going well.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 9, 2011 (Fr Bill on mission trip November 2)

FAITH FORMATION: To Be Determined - First Council meeting with new members.