

Parish Council Meeting
September 5th, 2012

Attendees: Father Bill Stockelman, Donna Thompson, Tim Geers, Charlie Quehl, Bev Barnes, Paul Justice

Guest: Tom Salerno

Absent: Jim Sperry (Excused), Mark Zurlinden (Excused)

Faith Formation: Paul Justice

August Minutes: Minutes were approved and will be sent to Sylvia to place on the website.

School Report: "Lighting the Way" - The Vision for Catholic Schools. There is a strong commitment to Catholic Schools from the Archdiocese. As an archdiocesan organization, we currently operate in a decentralized manner. When operations are centralized, they become more efficient and therefore that is the goal. The transformation process will take several years.

Wi-Fi is now enabled in the modular unit. The 8th grade computers should be ready in the next couple of weeks for use. St. Bernadette won a national contest from SmartEd -the manufacturer of smart boards currently being used in the school. The "TapIt" Smart Board was designed specifically for disabled students and is strictly touch. Using this technology at the pre-school level will create a unique learning experience for our pre-schoolers. We were also awarded reading software valued at \$10,000.

Elections: Nominations for the one open position (Tim Geers) are this weekend. Pastoral Council will divide up the candidates and have all calls completed by 9/14. Those accepting the nominations will need to turn in their questionnaire with a picture.

Pastor's Corner: Dave Meyer (in Anderson) would like to be assigned to St. Bernadette as a permanent deacon. Father Bill will be meeting with him in a couple of weeks. They do no more than 19 hours of work per week. It is an unpaid position.

From the Archdiocese: "Catholics Come Home". A mandatory second collection is being presented to our parish to help fund the local air time for the nationally produced commercials that will run on popular television stations.

Parish Voice: Donna spoke with Father Mike (St. Mary's) about his lay ministries. Having a deacon is what we are missing at St. Bernadette. The activities and programs St. Bernadette currently offers are right on track. Paul brought up the idea of having a young adult on parish council to provide a different perspective. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Appointing the young adult would likely be the way to go.

The October Pastoral Council meeting will be October 2nd. The November Pastoral Council meeting will be November 6th.

October Faith Formation: Donna Thompson