

St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, Aug 23, 2016 @ 7 pm
at St. Pauls

Call to order- Tammy Lindner called meeting to order at 7:01pm

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Father Chuck, Cindy Beauchamp, Tammy Lindner, Dan Zehnpfennig, Sonja Fendryk, Pete Pugal, Linda Varner, Tom Quinn, Vickie Schroeder, Jim Winiecki, Cindy Robinson, John Morgan
- **Visitor:** Rita Borowski
- **Absent:** Mark Sanderson, Margot Schumacher, Jim Dunlap

Introductory Remarks:

Opening Prayer: Linda Varner

Approval of Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Cindy Beauchamp, seconded by Vickie Schroeder. Cindy Beauchamp will upload these to the website.

Voice of the People: We need to follow up on who is checking the suggestion box in the gathering space.

Meeting topics w/o Father Chuck @ 7:00pm

Committee Reports:

- **School:**
 - (Meets 2nd Monday)
 - **Golf Outing:** The weather was perfect and all had a good time. 62 people golfed and 102 people stayed for dinner and auction. Gina Rhodes did a fabulous job coordinating the event with guidance from Cindy Gaudion. Financial numbers were not all in, but an estimate of \$22,000.00 was raised through the live auction, \$10,000.00 down from previous year.
 - **Retirements, Principal's Report, and Teachers:** All current openings have been filled and Mr. Holzem is very excited about the talent the new teachers will add to the school.
 - Mr. Holzem detailed the enrollment numbers and effort to meet with parents and students to retain as many families as we can. The lower grade numbers are good; however the Middle School numbers are not. We need to retain and grow enrollment.
 - There are many ideas in the works – such as growing the tuition assistance fund, bringing in more Choice students, opportunities for alumni, and advertising in other parishes without schools. In an effort to bridge the Church families with the school (internal marketing) the idea was brought up about having “children’s bags” available for church. The contents could include St. Paul school themed coloring pages, books, and a card. Congratulatory Baptismal cards were also brought up made by the students and anniversary card remembering their Baptism should be sent out.
- **Christian formation:**
 - (Meets 1st Monday)
 - 1. Looking for new members to the committee and only asking for a one year commitment, September to August.

2. The High School program has a session in the morning at St. Bruno's or one at night at St. Paul's. Either parish can attend either session, they just have to commit to one or the other. Only about 4 have chosen the other parish. The middle and elementary programs for either church does not have this option at this time.
3. The Adult ministry will have seminars two times a month at St Paul's offered during the family program, which is open to the entire parish. St. Bruno's will offer it once a month during their monthly family sessions. Budgeting might be an issue with this as it is paid for by the family program at St. Paul's and the attendance is way down.
4. There will be an "interview committee" to help with selection of the new High School faith formation program administrator to replace Sarah. Tammy Lindner is on it. We discussed other good fits for this and because Jim Winiecki is a small group leader for the high school faith formation program and on the pastoral committee. We thought he would be great in this role. He was asked, and accepted.
 - a. One other item of interest as a sub point – there will be a "personnel committee" to look at the employee manual and job descriptions, etc. so something to think about when people are needed for this.

- **Prayer and worship:**

- (4th Monday)
- The only point discussed was lack of commitment and most ministries needing more people – you guessed it – to be committed to it. Especially during the summer months there is poor attendance for servers, ushers and communion ministry.

- **Human concerns:**

- (2nd Tuesday)
- Please see supporting documentation (attached)

- **Stewardship:**

- (3rd Tuesday)
- Did not meet this month. Nothing new to report

- **Finance Council:**

- (3rd Monday)
- Did not meet this month. Nothing new to report

Questions/Expectations of Father Chuck:

- We can email these to Tammy and she will compile a list to send to Father Chuck. If we prefer, we can send these to Father Chuck himself.

Questions regarding Pastoral Council for the Arch Diocese (Coming in September):

- Brainstorm some ideas/ questions we might have for this. We can send this list to Tammy and she will compile a list to send to Father Chuck

COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm

- **Pastor's Report:**

- Father Chuck wants us to all know and understand completely, what it means to be part of the Pastoral Council. He mentioned we may implement a charter with our values, goals, etc that will help guide us each year.

- The Vision of the Future from the Archdiocese email---if you can attend either presentation, please do so.
 - We need to be thinking about facilitating nominations for Pastoral Council on the sooner side (Spring time).
 - Oct 22- Broadcast for Pastoral Council members
 - Parish Leader Update email: We should all be getting these emails but may not be. The Chairs from each Pastoral Council need to gather their members' email addresses to submit for this email blast.
 - Joe Senglaub will be a new Deacon ordained the weekend of the Parish Retreat. Please keep him in your prayers.
 - Lisa (principal at St. Bruno's) has left and so has Sarah at St. Paul's. We are trying to deal with the vacancies and how to best approach the situation.
- **Personnel Committee Status Update:**
 - Both parishes have had a personnel committee in the past but have not been active recently. We should re-implement these as they would be beneficial for our parishes. This will take careful thought and is being discussed.
- **Youth Ministry Position Status Update:**
 - We have four candidates right now. Rita will be contacting them this next week to set up interviews.

Meeting topics with Father Chuck @ 8:00 pm

- **Goal Setting:**
 - **Revising Mission Statement**
 - We discussed whether we should implement a new Mission Statement; perhaps we could use the Archdiocese's Statement. We need to be certain it will be what our parish needs if we decide to revise it. We decided each of us should brainstorm some ideas of what we would like to see in our mission statement. We will discuss these points at our next meeting.
 - **Bridging the Age Gap (Broad Statement)**
 - Build our parish to have less of a gap between the generations.
 - **Strengthening Ties with St. Paul Staff (Broad Statement)**
 - **New Life to St. Paul's (Broad Statement)**
 - **Growing Relationship with St. Bruno's (Broad Statement)**
 - We need to continue to develop our relationship with St. Bruno's.
 - **IDEAS?**
 - **Volunteerism**
 - **Empowering our ministries**
 - **Financial resources**
 - **Create a Census to gain an idea of mass attendance**
- Please brainstorm some ideas for short term goals any of the above bullet points. Bring these ideas to the next meeting so we can discuss this in more detail.

- **District/ Deanery 5 Update – Linda Varner**
 - There are workshops we can attend (Sept 30th and Oct. 1st).
 - For more information or to register, please contact Rosalita Villa at villar@archmil.org or 414-758-2217.
- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - Nothing to report specific to St. Paul's.
- **St. Paul's Council and Staff Retreat:**
 - We passed around a sign-up sheet for Cindy Beauchamp to get a final count for the Retreat.
- **Pastoral Council Installation Mass Date:**
 - Check your calendars to see which weekend in September or October would work for you to be here for both masses—send them to Tammy.

Ears of the people:

- Nothing to report.

Final prayer: Lead by Linda Varner

Motion to adjourn: by Linda Varner at 9:15., seconded by Cindy Robinson.

Important dates

- September 9th/10th @ 5:00 pm – St. Paul Councils and Staff Retreat
- **Next council meeting:** Tuesday, September 27th at St Bruno's, 6:30pm