

Ss. Bruno and Paul Joint Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016
6:30 PM
St. Bruno's Science Room

FF Definition: St. Bruno and St. Paul Faith Formation spans the entire life cycle, exhibits high standards of excellence, and helps parishioners encounter Christ through education, outreach, and support.

(Courtesy of the Faith Formation Strategic Planning Group FF6)

Faith Formation Committee Goals for 2016/17:

1. Increase membership in the Faith Formation Committee
2. Develop and implement the role and number of volunteers in Faith Formation programs by Feb. 2017
3. Evaluate and identify parish mission opportunities in 2017-18 by December 2016. Request budget early 2017.

Prayer: Given by Jean Warren

Welcome: Kathleen Galando, Karen Warnes, and Bill Snyder. We are happy to have you on our committee!

Members Present: Lisa Bixby, Kathy Galando, Mary Krall, Bill Snyder, Karen Warnes, Karen Farrell, Cindy Beauchamp, Scott Vandenhouten, Marya McGrath, and Jean Warren

Introductions

Pastoral Council – (Cindy & Scott)

Pastoral Council meeting Oct. 25, 2016 (Cindy)

Bullet points from St Paul's meeting:

Mary Krall and JoAnn Presta from Human Concerns updated the council.

Things/works being done are amazing!

They asked if Deb Pasino could put the word out that if people would like to go to Peru to help out that Deb could organize it but not a "formal" going like the last time. No problem with that from us.

We looked at our "vision" of a perfect St. Pauls and what would we like to see in 5 years or "down the road some". We brainstormed some incredible things and will work with that to fashion some type of way to attain this vision. First was community and how to foster a more involved one. First step - "council member" tags worn by us at the masses and greeting in an informal way at the mass we attend.

We will be calling the new members of our church from this year; talking to them and getting feedback and providing another level of welcoming.

It was requested that our minutes from the various committees be "signed" ie - ending with the tag "respectfully submitted by:" or some such thing. And I was specifically to tell our chair that at the meeting on April 25th of next year at 7:00pm that the pastoral council has scheduled an update from our committee so someone needs to come.

Child Ministry – (Karen & Amy)

- Middle School Rec night – 1st one took place in October and was a success. There were about 30 that attended. Next one coming up January 27th. It will remain for 6th to 8th graders.
- Reconciliation Retreat took place at St. Bruno's on November 12th, and will take place at St. Paul's November 19th.
- Discussion of Vacation Bible School (VBS) – a summer, week long program for K4 to 5th Graders, took place. Karen Farrell has been working on this. Middle school and high school students will be targeted to help. The week of June 12th to the 16th was chosen. Currently Karen is looking at programs to use.

Youth Ministry – Bill

Welcome to our new Youth Minister – Bill Snyder!

- Bill introduced himself to the committee, and filled us in on many of his experiences and career opportunities. We are fortunate to have Bill!
- The Sophomore Retreat will take place December 2nd & 3rd with an Advent related theme.
- Bill would like to get students involved in the “Men of Christ” Conference April 1st, 2017 in Milwaukee. He knows the organizer, Brian Farley, and may be able to get one of the well known speakers to come to our parish/school before the conference. Bill is contacting Brian to get us “on the list.”
- The High School programs will continue with the current curriculums. Bill really wants to get to know the students.
- “Stuebenville On The Lake” in Kenosha is a conference Bill would like to get student involvement.
- For mission trips, Bill and the committee concurred – “keep it local!” The Milwaukee program “Alive and More” will be looked at – this was utilized last year.

Adult Ministry - (Mary)

- Year of Mercy Mission - “33 Days To Merciful Love” Retreat is concluding this week.
- The speakers for adults of our parishes, Paula Harris (11/13) and Cathy Labinski (11/6) were well received. Thelma Walker – “Advent with New Eyes” will be at St. Paul's on November 20th. Tim Crain: “Judaism, Christianity, Islam: Three Religions But One God” will be at St. Paul's on December 18th and St. Bruno's on January 15th.
- Lent begins March 1st. Mary is taking ideas for “Take 5 For Lent” (programs to run through Lent). These are open to both parishes. Looking at the “1% Challenge.” This is a program by the diocese to get people to pray more. Karen Farrell is doing this challenge with the elementary school parents kind of as a test run.
- Karen and Mary are attending the Missionary Discipleship Institute, put on by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

General –

- “Take 5 For Lent” - speaker recruitment. Mary is working on this!
- April 25th, 2017 - 7:00 St. Paul's Pastoral Council Update from our committee. After a brief discussion with Scott V, we will update both St. Paul's and St. Bruno's Pastoral Council at the same time, on April 25th.

What Is Happening/ Where Help IS Needed:

- Continued concern: we need more committee members, and volunteers in the religious ed programs.
- Pray for items for St. Paul's upcoming Auction!

Future Agenda Items:

Next Meeting:

December 5, 2016 6:30 St. Paul's Family Room

Respectfully submitted by Jean Warren