

St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, October, 25 @ 7 pm
at St. Pauls

Call to order- Tammy Lindner called meeting to order at 6:57:pm

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Father Chuck, Dan Zehnpfennig, John Morgan, Sonja Fendryk, Cindy Beauchamp, Tammy Lindner, Cindy Robinson, Vickie Schroeder, Mark Sanderson, Linda Varner, Jim Dunlap, Jim Winiecki, Margot Schumacher, Pete Pugal, Tom Quinn
- **Visitor:** Rita Borowski, Mary Krall, Joanne Presta
- **Absent:** none!

Opening Prayer: Jim Winiecki

Introductory Remarks: Welcome Human Concerns

Guest: Mary Krall from Human Concerns:

- Had a monthly focus on Works of mercy
- Had a Mercy table after mass
- Used bulletin to guide us with what we can do for each month during the year of mercy.
- Committee "planted the seeds" to get parishioners involved
- Deb Pasino would like to organize a trip to Peru (at each person's own expense)—more info to come
- There are 44 new households to our parish this year
- "Welcome weekends" have been successful in signing up new parishioners
 - Would like to do this at least once every couple of months or even every month if possible
 - Discussed the idea of following up with new parishioners with questions such as
 - How are you liking our parish?
 - Is there anything we can help you with?
 - Would you like to participate in _____ ministry?
 - Etc.
 - Discussed the idea of using a computer/tablet in the back of church to sign up for ministries rather than just "paper" sign-up sheets. Perhaps this may attract the new generation who is more technology-driven

Approval Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Jim Dunlap, seconded by Margot Schumacher. Cindy Beauchamp will upload these to the website.

Voice of the people -none

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

Committee Reports:

- **School:**
 - Mr. Holzem reported that his role as split principal is going well. The structure is in place with head teachers at both schools taking leadership roles when Mr. Holzem is not in building.

- Welcome to Erin Heaton and Rick Drolet who have agreed to join St. Paul's committee. We will continue to recruit new people.
- Soles Walk is Saturday October 15.
- On October 29 from 11:30 – 3:30 St. Paul Home and School will host a "Trunk and Treat" event. Students will be able to go from car to car and trick or treat. Home and School will have bouncy houses and a hot dog lunch on site. All are welcome to attend and RSVP is due to office by October 21.
- St. Paul Student Council will be having a "Penny Challenge" starting October 17 for Peru and the Layette ministries.
- In accordance with the School Choice Program, schools need 2 open meeting dates at their schools. St. Paul's meetings will be held on February 13 and May 8.
- Home and School will have their first joint meeting between St. Paul and St. Bruno on Wednesday, October 12.

- **Christian formation:**

Faith Formation committee goals:

- Increase membership in the faith formation committee
- Develop and implement the role and number of volunteers in faith formation programs by Feb. 2017
- Evaluate and identify parish mission opportunities in 2017-18 by December 2016. request budget early 2017.
- First family program went well with 25 families attending.
- There are 82 students registered for St. Pauls k-8 programs.
- Spaghetti fundraiser at St. Pauls November 12. Please attend and/or help!!!! Thanks much. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eacab2ea02-stpaul>

- **Prayer and worship:**

- No meeting.

- **Human concerns:**

- The recently held Reformation Lutheran Day at the Farm on was a big success. Eighteen youths ages 5 to 14 attended and appeared to have a wonderful day. They were transported to/from the farm on a bus paid for by the farmer.
- In a joint effort, the Faith Formation Committee and the Human Concerns Committee are providing baked desserts for 90 people, and 10 gal. of milk, plus youth servers, for a meal at the Hope Center on October 12, 2016.
- Christmas Giving Tree: The last weekend of Nov. and first weekend of Dec. are the weekends for bringing in the gifts. Help is needed after each mass those weekends. As in the past, ten families from St. Paul will be recipients of gift cards, in addition to providing gifts for the clientele of many community agencies. Parishioners who know of a family in need may provide this information to Sharon and/or Mary, who will handle the matter in a discrete and respectful manner, keeping the names of such recipients confidential.
- Blood pressure screening has been discontinued for lack of a person willing to coordinate.
- Consideration is being given to new rules regarding refreshments after a funeral. When a family wants a full meal served, but the funeral is in the late afternoon or evening, the

clean up can last until late at night and this seems to be too much to ask of volunteers. Consideration will be given to informing families that if the funeral begins after, e.g., 4 p.m., only cake and cookies will be served.

- The knitting/crocheting group has been making small white afghans, adorned with crosses, to give to the parents of babies being baptized. They are also making prayer shawls. All finished items are blessed.
- A ministry fair will be held in the winter or spring. The goal is to have it be an "event," with food and perhaps some demonstrations, instead of just a line-up of tables at which written materials can be reviewed and picked up.

- **Stewardship:**

Two separate meetings to discuss and organize this year's Stewardship Appeal.

-Letter from Father Chuck was sent out on 10/17

- Kick-off weekend 10/22-23, announcement by Father Chuck at both masses, introduction of the stewardship prayer, Pastoral Council to distribute "donated" five week prayer books to all parishioners at both masses

-This was a large success –Father Chuck mentioned he would love to see this happen every weekend

- Weekend of All Saints/Souls we will just have a prayer and petition for the stewardship appeal so we can concentrate on the feast days

- Weekend of 11/5-6, there will be a power point presentation during mass and again in the gathering space after mass

- 11/7 second mailing which will include next years commitment card/suggested giving matrix based upon income

- Weekend of 11/12-13 we will have 1 - 3 witnesses speak at each mass regarding their stewardship or how St. Paul's stewardship helped them

- Commitment weekend will be 11/19-20, for those who do not respond a follow up postcard will be sent on 12/5

- Thank you notes will be sent to everyone who contributes

- This fall we will concentrate on treasure (monetary giving), in the spring (possibly during lent) we plan on having a Ministry Fair to concentrate on Time and Talent. This way it becomes an all year long event

- **Finance Council:**

- Extensive discussion was held regarding mass attendance and subsequent collections. Rita provided data.

- Stewardship campaign activities have been defined and will commence starting this weekend.

- Jim Dunlap is organizing the personnel committee, with the goal of having the committee meet with in the next month.

- A high level review of the budget was conducted. A shortfall is projected.

Ears of the people:

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Goals / Vision Setting

- See two sample handouts regarding parishioner involvement (attached)

- VISION (ideas to help us set goals...)
 - Overwhelming number of volunteers
 - People "beating down doors" to be on council
 - More opportunities for events/activities
 - All pews to be filled
 - Know each other
 - High attendance at events/activities
 - Knowing needs of each other
 - Parishioners of all ages—connected
 - Financial surplus
 - People on fire for their faith/Excited for it
 - Prayerful community
 - Flourishing school
 - Many Confirmation candidates and First communicants
 - Strong youth involvement
 - Waiting list for the schools
 - Priests/Sisters for St. Paul's

- STEPS:
 - Invitation to introduce self before mass begins
 - Name tags/ badges
 - Council back of church before/after each mass
 - New membership follow up calls
 - Script
 - 44 calls

Does anyone need a copy of the Pastoral Council Norms?

COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm

- **Pastor's Report:**
 - Nothing to report

- **Guest: Ben Holzem, School Principal**
 - Very happy to be part of both schools
 - Both schools are strong and have a great educational system—they are nicely collaborated but still hold their own identities.
 - St Paul's: working to bring in more buy-ins from the younger families
 - St. Bruno's: Steadily increasing enrollment
 - Bringing staff members together from both parishes in order to share ideas
 - Intends to be involved in as many school activities as possible
 - Dates to note:
 - Wed. Oct. 26th 6:30 to 7:30pm – First Town-Hall meeting at St. Bruno's
 - Thurs. Nov. 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30pm –First town-Hall meeting at St. Paul's
 - Ben would like to hold these meetings once a month
 - We are all invited to attend

- **Youth Ministry Position Status Update:**

- Bill Schneider –was a youth minister in Lake Geneva—He will be starting Nov 6th or 7th

Meeting topics with Father Chuck @ 8:00 pm

- **Topics of discussion:**
 - **Formal review of mass change results (discussion on planning)**
 - Nothing is solidified yet. Discussion will continue.
 - **District/Deanery 5 Update – Linda Varner**
 - No meeting/updates at this time.
- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - Leadership Gatherings Videos – be sure to watch (info to be emailed)
- **Open topic:**
 - Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn: by Jim Dunlap at 9:05, seconded by Tom Quinn.

Final prayer: Lead by Jim Winiecki

Important dates

- **Spaghetti dinner:** Nov 12th, 4-8pm –help out! (desserts, cleaning crew, etc.)
- **Pastoral Council Introduction:** Dates TBD (We will stand up during mass and perhaps another form of identification –Father chuck will advise)
- **Next council meeting:** Tuesday Nov. 22nd, at St Bruno's, 6:30pm
 - Guest: finance Council
 - Opening/Closing Prayers: Margot Schumacher