

St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
at St. Bruno's

Call to order - Chad Ostram called meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Father Ralph, Father Chuck, Linda Varner, Chad Ostram, Laurel Hopkins, Mark Sanderson, John Morgan, Jim Dunlap, Sonja Fendryk, Tammy Lindner, Brian Noel
- **Visitor:** Vickie Schroeder
- **Absent:** Cindy Robinson, Margot Schumacher, Cindy Beauchamp, Dan Zehnpfennig

Introductory Remarks: Welcome Nominees

Opening Prayer: Linda Varner

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Chad Ostram, seconded by Linda Varner. Cindy Beauchamp will upload these to the website.

Meeting topics with Pastors 6:30pm

- **Topics of discussion:**
 - **Purpose of Pastoral Council**
 - The council is the advisory group to the pastor. The pastor counts on us for our wisdom and counsel from fellow parishioners. We are involved in what direction the church is going and we help guide decisions made for the parish. We have liaisons from the various committees and councils who bring information to and from the pastoral council.
 - Decisions are made by discernment, not by voting.
 - **Upcoming Discernment**
 - This will take place on June 1st at St. Paul's--7pm.
 - Mark Sanderson will be renewing his term. Chad Ostram and Laurel Hopkins will not be renewing. Brian Noel will be resigning. Dawn Sarandos' position is open as well, so there will be a total of four spots open.
 - Chad Ostram volunteered to lead the discernment process.
 - Council members need to contact the individuals they received a "yes" from (for coming to the discernment) to remind them of the meeting.
 - **New Mass Times**
 - Overall feedback is positive so far! There have been some parishioners going back and forth between the masses while others are sticking to their home parish. Most parishioners are enjoying the fuller pews. There has only been minimal negative feedback on the changes.
 - It will be hard to get accurate numbers for the mass turnout until Fall comes around when most families' schedules are back to normal.
 - **Fr. Ralph's Retirement**
 - This is Father Ralph's final month at the Pastoral Council meeting and his final weekend masses at St Paul's are June 11th & 12th. There will be gatherings after masses for him for chances to say good bye.
 - Thank you for all of your time and contributions to our Parishes. We will miss you, Father Ralph!! Many blessings to you and enjoy your retirement!
- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - Nothing to report.

- **Associate Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - Father Chuck met with the deacons and talked about how we will be working them into the masses to assist where needed.
 - He also brought up the possibility of having Holy Hours for a period of nine weeks. See the "Prayer & Worship" bullet point below for more information.
- **Ears of the people:**
 - There was a request from a Sacristan asking for their schedule to be published in the bulletin so they can plan ahead for their commitments.
 - The question regarding the Genesis reading for the Holy Saturday mass was discussed at the Prayer & Worship meeting but no decision has been made yet on whether it will change or remain the same.
- **Open topic:**
 - Nothing new to report.

COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm

- **Pastor's Report:**
 - Father Ralph discussed the Catholic Community Foundation. This foundation feels they don't have enough exposure. If more parishes knew about this, there would be more funding for the Foundation and it would give the Catholic Community more tools for their parishes. They are holding a contest awarding five parishes with \$15,000 each to put towards their church. To enter, we encourage everyone to brainstorm the most creative way we could use the money within our parish.
- **Associate Pastor's Report:**
 - Nothing new to report.

Meeting topics w/o Pastors @ 8:00pm

Voice of the people – Welcome Stewardship:

Committee Reports:

- **School:**
 - They have interviewed for a principal for St Paul's, narrowed it down to two candidates and have offered the position to one person. The final details are being worked out and should be resolved this week sometime.
- **Christian formation:**
 - They did their strategic planning last week and are continuing to work on it.
- **Prayer and worship:**
 - The group felt confirmation went well.
 - Father Chuck has heard good comments about the new mass schedule- nothing negative.
 - With regards to cross parish ministers, it was decided not to encourage it for about a month. We would plan to encourage/announce that this is an option after the first month. Although, individuals could request the option anytime.
 - The group was introduced to Mark Mrozek, the new Assistant Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Bruno's.
 - His official start date is June 1. These are some highlights of his career:
 - Was at St Bernadettes for 15 years
 - Has taught school
 - Has done music therapy
 - Owns a production company

- As requested from the last Pastoral Council meeting, the issue of the Genesis reading for Holy Saturday was presented and discussed. Technically it should not be used, but the majority felt it delivered a clearer message and the spirit of the message was important. No definitive decision has been made yet.
 - Father Ralph identified that baptisms after Saturday's 6:00PM mass create a conflict with reconciliation. To handle the immediate issue, Father Ralph has reached out to the deacons and Father Chuck. If none of the deacons can do the baptisms this coming weekend, Father Ralph will do the baptism(s) after the 6pm mass and Fr. Chuck will do reconciliation.
 - For the future, Father Chuck is going to reach out to the deacons to facilitate a long term solution.
 - P & W will not have meetings in June and July.
 - Father Chuck brought up the possibility of having Holy Hours for a period of nine weeks. He felt it was another way of helping the parishes transition and bring unity. Likely, if done, it would be on Wednesday or Friday night and would alternate between parishes.
 - Marci closed out the meeting with a summer challenge. Listen to comments, pay attention to participation and think about. This is based on what Pope Francis said " Do not let your enthusiasm for Jesus, his church, our families, and the broader family of society run dry."
- **Human concerns:**
 - In the schedule of the acts of Mercy, May is dedicated to Bury the Dead. The Chairperson of the Bereavement committee gave us an update on their ministry:
 - There are 10 members but would like more. They would also like volunteers to bake goods and/or prepare refreshments for funerals.
 - One person from the committee is present at the time of the funeral in the family room to meet any needs that may arise.
 - One committee member stays in touch with the bereaved family for one year.
 - The committee organizes the activities regarding All Soul's day. They contact all families who have lost a loved one within the last year.
 - Cards are sent to these families before Easter and Christmas
 - Reformation Lutheran does not have a worship space yet. They are waiting on building permits. The SALT program will take place in July at Reformation Lutheran. This program offers leadership training for youth.
 - Peru trip is coming up! Please pray for these individuals and their volunteering.
 - The Easter Food baskets were a success. Thirty families were served. Additional food was donated to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. Bob and Rita Larsen found new chairs, Peter and DeeDee Griswold. Thank you to Bob and Rita Larson for their dedication for so many years.
- **Stewardship:**
 - There was no meeting this month.
 - This group primarily focuses on how to use their time and talent to help others. They have had a consistent group in past years but they are re-establishing their ways to try to attract more lay people.
 - Their struggle is to reach out the right way to attract new members. One of their goals is to reach out in different ways to let potential members know they are wanted/needed on the committee.
 - The Night of Gratitude was a very successful night with a high turnout. There was a lot of camaraderie and good times for all!
 - It would be helpful for council members to stay after mass (happens twice a month) to show new members/visitors around the campus.
- **Finance Council:**
 - They are working on creating a job description for the Parish Cluster Director.
 - Discussed the full time parish cluster director position opening July of 2017.
 - The auction was a success! By June 10th, the numbers will be published.

Open topic: nothing new to report.

Motion to adjourn: by Tammy Lindner at 8:28pm, seconded by Brian Noel.

Final prayer: Lead by Linda Varner.

Important dates

- Next council meeting: Tuesday, June 28th at St. Paul's at 7pm.