

St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2016 @ 7 pm
at St. Pauls

Call to order- Laurel Hopkins called meeting to order at 7 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Introductory Remarks: Welcome Finance Council.

Opening Prayer: Mark Sanderson

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Laurel Hopkins. Cindy Beauchamp will upload these to the website.

Meeting topics w/o Pastors @ 7:00pm

- **Voice of the People- Finance Council**
 - Stewardship income was down this year
 - No wage increases this year
 - School subsidy was decreased
 - School has budgeted for a new principal
 - School budget includes the School Choice program for this year
 - Pastoral Associate position has not been budgeted for this year
 - St. Paul's and St. Bruno's are sharing salary/benefit expenses
 - There are hopes there will be a surplus left over from this year to use for the parking lot
- **Dinner Auction Update**
 - There was a lot of good spirit there! Lots of fun! There were several people that haven't been at the auction in the past (or even at church anymore) that were present this time.
 - It was a great turnout. Numbers are not finalized yet, but it was a great success!
 - We discussed that we need to get this positivity out to others to build on this success.
 - We discussed how we can try to attract the younger generation to the auction in the future
 - Any ideas that we have for the auction, please send to John Morgan by May 5th
- **APC Update**
 - St. Paul's hosted with 6 parishes in attendance, Father Ralph, and Michelle Nemer from the Archdioceses
 - With Fr. Ralph's retirement, a new dean will be announced in June or July
 - District 5 Year of Mercy display at the closing mass, November 20, 2016
 - Requesting 5 pictures from each parish depicting Year of Mercy activities
 - Will work with Human Concerns committee to obtain pictures
 - New deanery configuration coming in the fall—10 parishes with two representatives each

- Parish sharing proposal—10 richest parishes aid 10 of the poorest with finances, talent, time
 - Further discussion required
 - Increase in archdiocesan mass attendance in 2015 of 1% or 139,626
 - A Vision for the Future: Evangelization and the Sunday Mass booklet were handed out
 - Leadership gatherings to be presented Friday, September 30 and repeated Saturday, October 1 from 8:30am-12:30pm; content will be based on the booklet with the same name
 - Parishes are encouraged to send a team to one of these presentations
 - Suggested for Parish staff and parish volunteer leaders
 - 5 different workshops will be presented: Sunday Experience, Sacramental “Touch Points”, We are all “Parish Ambassadors”, Leadership centered on mission and vision, and an offering in Spanish
 - We are already doing many of these suggested activities!
 - St. Paul’s shared on strategic planning and collaboration—changing mass times, decreasing the number of evening meetings for the priests, some programs and facilitators shared across both parishes
 - Next district meeting on November 30, 6:30pm at St. Anthony’s
- **New Member Welcome Process – May 14th & 15th- Volunteers?**
 - This is to welcome all new members. It is for the Saturday and Sunday masses of the weekend of May 14th-15th. This is also the first weekend of the new mass schedule. Let Mary Kral know if you can volunteer for the New Member Welcome Process for either day. There will be food and drinks after both of these masses.

Committee Reports:

- **School:**
 - Recruitment of new School Committee Members:
 - A notice for new School Committee members was published in the school newsletter and the parish bulletin. There are currently 3 openings.
 - Golf Outing
 - Gina Rhodes is the new Chairperson with Cindy Gaudion to help with the transition. This year’s event is on Monday, August 8th at The Legend at Merrill Hills.
 - New Principal
 - Members of various ministries and committees have been asked to help with the interview process in the search for a new Principal to replace Dr. Shanahan upon his retirement at the end of the school year.
 - Principals Report
 - Miss Mickel announced her retirement at the end of this school year.
 - Based on all of the intention to return forms the structure of the classes should remain similar to this year and enrollment looks to be as good as last year if not better with only ten 8th graders leaving.
- **Christian formation:**
 - This meeting was devoted to a presentation of Faith Formation Ministries in response to their charge to fulfill FF6 from the Strategic Planning document. The presentation is not necessarily to be distributed to parishioners; it is a guiding principle, or “what we should have in mind when doing Faith Formation”.

- The four stages to develop a spiritual life were presented as a wheel with a spreadsheet to clarify programs in the Faith Formation realm. As one moves through each stage, certain goals are met. The four stages are Reach, Call, Form, and Send.
 - The Committee suggested additional items for inclusion on the spreadsheet. The Ministers will take these suggestions and offer an updated presentation at our next meeting.
- **Prayer and worship:**
 - Had very positive feedback regarding Holy Week. Good attendance but weather probably had an effect on Holy Thursday.
 - Anticipate needing 2 masses on Easter next year.
 - Communion masses were well attended.
 - Need servers and Sacristan for confirmation.
 - 5:00 sacristans have committed to the new 6:00 Saturday mass time.
 - May 14th (Saturday night) is volunteer appreciation night.
 - It was suggested that we welcome (in some way) any St Bruno parish members that attend St Paul's the weekend of the new mass schedule.
 - Reconciliation will be scheduled before 4:00 mass and after 6:00 mass.
 - It was suggested that we put blank envelopes in the pews for cash offerings in case a St Paul member went to a St Bruno mass or visa versa.
 - Meeting schedule was set for next year.
- **Human concerns:**
 - No report.
- **Stewardship:**
 - Night of appreciation for all those who have volunteered their time and talents will be held after mass on May 14th. This is the first mass of the new schedule so the evening will begin around 7 pm. We hope to have many in the Stewardship committee and the Pastoral Council be present. We will need volunteers to host and to bring food (a sign up will be sent out in the next week or so)
 - Discussed goals for our upcoming year. Will finalize them during the May meeting
 - Discussed ways to encourage more participation and awareness of what is available in our Parish. We feel that those who become more involved (see Matthew Kelly's book - Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic) become more invested in their faith and parish. We would like to have a Fair to allow people to know about all our different endeavors and to allow people to ask questions and sign up for specific groups
 - In process of engaging the James Company regarding appropriate follow up to our church campaign but also to discuss other ways to try to engage parishioners
- **Finance Council:**
 - See notes above

Open topic:

- Nothing to report

COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm

- **Pastor's Report:**
 - Confirmation is coming up Friday, May 6th. This will be for both St. Paul's and St. Bruno's.
- **Associate Pastor's Report:**
 - Reconciliation for the new mass schedule: going to try it before 4 pm mass and after 6 pm mass
 - Father Chuck is working on the priest schedule for the next 6 months
- **Strategic Initiatives Update:**
 - See supporting documentation for additional information
 - Rita Borowski will send weekly reports on attendance and monies collected at each mass to Pastoral and Finance Councils (once the new mass schedule goes into effect after May 14th).
 - The last three initiatives on the attached document are going to be deferred.
 - We discussed the idea of having a common meeting in the future involving the councils and committees
 - Father Ralph's retirement is coming up (June 20), which will begin our transition to one priest for both parishes.

Meeting topics with Pastors @ 8:00 pm

- **Topics of discussion:**
 - **Upcoming Nominations / Discernment (how many spots?)**
 - 69 people were nominated
 - Laurel Hopkins will not be renewing, Dawn Sarandos' spot is vacant, Mark Sanderson will renew, Chad Ostram-TBD.
 - There are two spots available for certain, possibly one more, depending on if Chad Ostram is renewing or not
- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - Pastoral Council is an advisory leadership body to the pastor, which is an absolutely essential role within the church.
 - Father Ralph explained the process of discernment and the importance of the standing-committees' work and the role of council liaisons to those committees. The Council annually establishes goals to be worked on. Pastoral Council is part of the discernment process for new members and it is the ears and wisdom of the church.
- **Associate Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - Night of Gratitude- we need to get the word out to liaisons
- **Ears of the people:**
 - **Easter vigil**
 - A couple of middle and high-schoolers said they miss the inscribing of the Easter Candles.
 - The first reading at the Easter Vigil is a contemporary English version designed for children and it is not an approved Catholic version. This will be discussed at the next Prayer & Worship meeting to consider changing the reading for the

future.

- **Stewardship**

- A parishioner mentioned that the stewardship cards have only asked for monetary donations and nothing asking for time or talent. The stewardship council is actually already addressing this issue and is working on coming up with a solution to this topic.

- **Open topic:**

- Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn: by Mark Sanderson at 9:10, seconded by John Morgan.

Final prayer: Lead by Mark Sanderson.

Important dates

- **Discernment:** June 1st
- **Next council meeting:** Tuesday, May 24th at St Bruno's, 6:30pm