

St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 28th @ 7 pm
at St. Paul's

Call to order- Tammy Lindner called meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Roll Call:

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

Introductory Remarks: Welcome Prayer & Worship.

Opening Prayer: Dan Zehnpfennig

Approval of Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by John Morgan, seconded by Father Dan. Cindy Beauchamp will upload these to the website.

Meeting topics w/o Pastor @ 7:00pm

Committee Reports:

- **School:** Cindy Robinson
 - Catholic Schools Week; receptions were well received.
 - Ben Holzem confirms enrollment is growing at both schools. St. Paul's group discussed the possibility of adding a third 4K classroom.
 - Juanita Gutbrod, the 3K/4K teacher, and lead teacher at St. Bruno's, spoke at length about the benefit that Mr. Holzem's leadership has brought to staff. Teachers report increased solidarity, positive feedback about new initiatives and staff in-services.
 - Tim Milbrath and Dr. Alex Milovic (school parents and parish members) are working towards building a phone app to reduce "email fatigue" to efficiently improve parent/staff communication.
- **Prayer and worship:**
 - Challenges: mass changes (the first time around) made it difficult to get greeters, etc. They are hoping the newest mass changes will have a positive impact on the overall Christian formation ministry.
 - Looking for a partner/co-chair for the committee
 - Advent books were successful and they hope to have a similar book next time around
 - Gluten-free host is available for parishioners who need it.
 - During our meeting tonight, we discussed the possibility of having our pastor "mingle/casually share announcements" with parishioners before mass. We also discussed ways to improve community after mass; encouraging parishioners to stick around longer to mingle with each other.
- **Faith Formation:** Cindy Beauchamp
 - **Child Ministry** – (Karen)
 - Vacation Bible School - also with Amy. Dates are June 12 – 16, AM time span at St. Bruno's.
 - **Youth Ministry** – (Bill)
 - Mission Trips – Two are set up: July 11 – 16, Milwaukee, "Alive & You"

- July 28 – 30, St. Paul, Stuebenville
- Looking at a 9th & 10th grade retreat held together. Combined retreat would enable students to also attend the “Youth Rally.”
- **Adult Ministry** - (Mary)
 - **Lent 2017 Challenge Yourself to one or more of the following:**
 - 1% Challenge – coming February 11/12! Beginning March 1 -Lead a small group
 - Take 5 (as in 5 weeks of Lent) participation in a small group
 - Sunday readings
 - Book study
 - DVD/discussion
 - Friday night devotions (starting at 5 pm.)
 - Adoration, Benediction
 - Stations of the Cross
 - Soup and Fellowship
 - (Soup makers are welcome!)
 - Communal Reconciliation – (March 6th)
 - Triduum Services
 - Invite a friend or family member or neighbor to join for one or more of the above
 - Almsgiving, special collections (rice bowls; food pantry donations, etc.)
 - Make a retreat (Redemptorist Retreat Center or other)
 - April 1st – Men of Christ Conference – Bill & Scott are working on making this a father- son event
 - *Check the bulletin and the sign up boards for specifics*
 - Parish Mission – Meeting on Tuesday, February 7th
- **Human concerns:** Vickie Schroeder
- JAN 25th meeting:
 - Baby Bottle fundraiser for Life’s Connection has raised \$1,400 to date
 - Reformation Lutheran has received from St. Paul a donation of used computers, to replace those stolen in a recent robbery. These computers had been previously donated to St. Paul.
 - HC might consider a homemade cookie ministry for Reformation Lutheran. (Our Christmas cookies attracted customers to the Reformation Lutheran neighborhood store, which raised funds in the range of \$2,500 to \$3,000 for RL in December.)
 - Reformation Lutheran could use the following: used quilts and blankets, used pots and pans, used kitchen utensils, coffee, Pine Sol and/or Fabuloso cleaner. Providing some of these may be a focus for the Lenten collection.
 - Discussion of the 1% challenge
 - Discussion of the Ministry Fair, first weekend in May.
 - Human Concerns’ theme for 2017 will center around the prayer of St. Theresa or Avila, using our hands, feet and eyes to serve others as Jesus would.
 - HC has put together two baskets of baby items to contribute to the St. Paul auction on Feb. 25.
- FEB 14th Meeting:
 - Respect for Life – baby bottle fundraiser has so far raised \$4,000 for Life’s Connection
 - Lenten service opportunities for youth and adults include:
 - Serve a meal at Hope Center on March 1
 - Easter food drive
 - Free clothing share April 20-22

- Sr. Monica in Peru reports that there has been a lot of flooding. The school lost part of its roof.
 - Peru's Sr. Monica and Sr. Matilde may visit WI in April
 - Human Concerns regular meeting time will change from the 2nd Tues. of the month to the 2nd Wed. of the month, beginning in April.
- **Stewardship:**
 - Meeting not held yet
 - **Finance Council:** John Morgan
 - The money raised from last year's Auction for the bells and clocks had not been used yet; however, it is in the process currently. We are moving forward with that project.

COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm

- **Pastor's Report:**
 - Auction was very successful.
 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St Bruno's was well attended.
 - Discussed the success rate of ministry fairs (and the like). St. Bruno has utilized their Welcome Weekends to promote their committees.
 - Thank you kindly, Father Dan, for stepping into our parishes in a time of need; we appreciate your ministry.

Meeting topics with Pastor @ 8:00 pm

- **Goal Setting:**
 - **Follow up with New members –Status**
 - Get the responses put together in an email and send to Cindy Beauchamp and Tammy Lindner.
 - **Next steps: St. Paul's Future Mission Statement**
 - Linda Varner, John Morgan, Tammy Lindner and Pete Pugal will be on the Sub-committee for this Mission-Setting task.
- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - N/A
- **Responses heard from Announcement on Mass Schedule Committee**
 - Have been hearing a mixed feedback
 - Shared stories of individuals staying with our parish because of the new mass times
 - Shared concerns of individuals who are contemplating leaving the parish due to the changes
- **Voice of the People – none**
- **Ears of the people:**
 - Volume from Microphone during Mass- difficulty hearing Father Dan sometimes
 - Discussed the Easter Vigil Reading concern expressed by a parishioner
 - Decided to bring the "Ears of the People" concerns directly and immediately to Father Dan instead of waiting until our next meeting to discuss. The exception would be if there

is an ongoing topic that needs to be brought to the attention of the entire council to discuss.

- **Open topic:**

- Liaisons: please send Tammy an email with your committees' thoughts about the ministry fair
- Pastoral Council Fish Fry this Friday, March 3rd—please volunteer in any way you can and spread the word to anyone you know who might be able to help.

Motion to adjourn: by John Morgan at 8:58pm, seconded by Cindy Robinson.

Final prayer: Lead by Dan Zehnpfennig

Important dates

- **Next council meeting:** Tuesday, March 28th at St Bruno's, 6:30pm (Guest: Stewardship)
 - Opening/Closing Prayers: Pete Pugal