

**St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting**  
*Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017 @ 6:30 pm*  
*at St. Bruno's*

**Call to order** at 6:30 pm by Tammy Lindner

**Roll Call:**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Vicki Schroeder

**Introductory Remarks:**

Welcome Finance Council

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

**Meeting topics with Pastor 6:30pm**

**Topics of discussion:**

- **Guest: Finance Council:**
  - Are in the beginning of the budget cycle
  - Believe St Paul's will be down overall on the stewardship campaign
  - Principal Ben H. projects next year's enrollment will be down overall
  - February & March finance meetings will be intense due to focusing on the budget plan
  - Finance council would appreciate input from the Pastoral Council
- **Voice of the People:**
  - None
- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
  - Nothing to report
- **Goal Setting:**
  - **Council Greetings- feedback**
    - Asking Pastoral Council members to arrive a few minutes early to greet guests before and/or after mass when available. The goal of this is to create and build community with our parishioners.
  - **Follow-up with New Members- status**
    - If any of us haven't attempted our list of parishioners to call, please do so and send Tammy the answers.
  - **Next steps: St Paul's Future**
    - We will continue to discuss our goals, vision, mission statement, etc. in the coming days.
- **District /Deanery 5 Update- Linda Varner**
  - The poster of pictures from St. Paul's for the end of the Year of Mercy looked great!

- "Joint Parishing" is a newer structure originating from the Archdiocese that other parishes are beginning to adopt (instead of "clustering")
- Discussion about offering valet parking at mass during a specific time of the year (Knights of Columbus or Men's Group could possibly donate their time to this)
- **Auction Decision**
  - Thank you Vicki (and all others involved in the research)!
  - The Pastoral Council is donating a Milwaukee Pedal Tavern certificate for the auction

### **COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm**

- **Pastor's Report:**
  - Father Dan reassured us we are in good hands now and will continue to be once his temporary term with us is over.
- **Status of Mass Schedule Committee**
  - We had a discussion on mass times.
  - It is agreed that we won't publish these minutes until the Finance Councils weigh in on this topic.

### **Meeting topics w/o Pastor @ 8:00pm**

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **School:** Cindy Robinson
  - There was some follow up between school committee members regarding the shared principal role and expressed concern over families having someone to speak to above the Principal, if that was warranted.
- **Christian formation:** Cindy Beauchamp

#### *Child Ministry (Karen)*

- Karen – St. Paul's:
- Working with Amy in developing summer vacation bible school program. Will be held the week after the regular school gets out. At this point, staffing is a concern. Middle & high school students will be utilized.

#### *Youth Ministry – (Bill)*

- February 11-12 is the Confirmation Retreat at the Tyme Out Center in Nashotah. Bill is working with Father Dan on the retreat.
- Looking for Mission Trip input and ideas! Bill is meeting at Mama D's in Wales at 7 pm on January 11<sup>th</sup> to gather ideas and discuss all aspects of mission trips.
- Excellent speaker, "Meant For More" by Paul Kemp for 6 – 12<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Thomas in Waterford on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. About 40 students attended from our parishes. Students really liked him!

#### *Adult Ministry - (Mary)*

- 1% Challenge Prayer/Scripture for 30 days 1/15/17-2/15/17 (Bill wants to develop an audio version that many use while traveling. Presently working with the companies.)
- Brainstorming for Lent - need more participation for 2017

#### 2016 update:

- Baptisms: 23 at St. Bruno! 32 at St. Paul!

- New members: 2 received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church (Don Easter Vigil, Richard December)
- Fall speakers: approximately 10-30 participants at each session

*What Is Happening/ Where Help IS Needed:* Presenters for Lenten Programs!

- **Prayer and worship:** Pete Pugal

- Discussed the pluses and minuses of the past Christmas mass schedule and services. Attendance at the 4:00 mass was standing room only, well organized and plenty of support. The 6:00 mass was light in attendance and short of Eucharistic Ministers.
- Planning and preparations are being made for the upcoming Lent season; One % Challenge, Stations of the Cross preceded by Adoration and followed by a soup supper and/or fish fry, Easter decorations. Parish leadership and committee members will be asked to participate in the one % challenge for 30 days prior to the start of Lent.
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross will be held at the Redemptory Retreat Center led by Fr. Dan most likely week 5.
- Divine Mercy Sunday will be held March 23rd. Fr Dan will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following week 5.
- We are looking for more greeters. A sign up card is being developed to enlist volunteers for this as well as other ministries.
- The P&W committee will be donating a basket to support the Parish Auction.
- The next meeting will be held Monday February 27th at St. Paul's.

- **Human concerns:** Vickie Schroeder

Ministry updates:

Adventure Day 12/3 at Reformation Lutheran – extremely successful event  
 Giving Tree – 70 stars left. Quite a few late gifts this year, more than ever before  
 Cookie baking by St. Paul and St. Bruno HS students – a great cross-community effort that will be repeated in the future.

Financials:

Groceries were purchased for Casa Maria and St. Ben's, per usual  
 Books were purchased at the Book Fair and sent to St. Clare School in Peru  
 Five parish families in need each received a \$50 Pick N Save gift card and a \$50 Kohl's card, as part of the giving tree project.  
 Usually 10 families benefit but this year only five names were provided

Business:

Ministry fair may be the weekend of April 1-2  
 There is a desire for job descriptions for regular volunteer positions  
 A suggested theme for Human Concerns' 2017 year: "No Hands But Our Hands, no Feet but Our Feet"  
 Fund-raiser approvals are due by early Feb. for any ministry doing any type of collection  
 Idea for this year's Lenten collection: gift cards. On a related note:  
 It may be a good idea to give parish members a refresher on how Scrip works. St. Paul makes \$25,000/yr. from it.

- Human Concerns committee will make up two baskets of baby items for the silent auction at the St. Paul gala dinner on 2/25.

- **Stewardship:**

- The committee's goal is 400 pledge cards and \$1 million dollars
- We are at 340 pledges and just under \$603k as of right now.
- Night of Gratitude: Friday, June 9th, 2017.
- Ministry fair: May 6th and 7th, 2017

- **Finance Council:**
  - See notes above

**Meeting locations/Times:**

- Discussed feelings/ thoughts on Common meeting night

**Ears of the People:**

- Reformation Lutheran was broken into two twice in one week.
- St. Paul's has some computers that are being donated to Reformation Lutheran

**Open topic:**

- Pastoral Council Retreat: Sept 8th and 9th, 2017—dates have not been reserved yet but Cindy Beauchamp will lock them in
- We discussed using a projector in the gathering space to share general information with parishioners in a clear, legible manner. Someone would need to be trained to run this projection system.
- 1% Challenge cards for us to utilize

**Motion to adjourn:** by Dan Zehnpfennig at 9:04pm, seconded by Jim Dunlap.

**Final prayer:** Lead by Vicki Schroeder

**Important dates**

- Next council meeting: February 28th @ 7:00 pm at St. Paul's (Guest: Prayer & Worship)
- Opening/Closing Prayers: **Dan Zehnpfennig**