

St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, November, 22nd @ 6:30 pm
at St. Bruno's

Call to order- Tammy Lindner called meeting to order at 6:35pm

Roll Call:

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

Introductory Remarks:

Opening Prayer: Cindy Beauchamp

Guest: Finance Council (postponed until January)

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

Voice of the People: None

Meeting topics with Pastor 6:30pm

- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**
 - Nothing to report
- **Status of Mass Schedule Committee**
 - Not going to make any changes at this point.
- **Goal Setting:**
 - Council Greetings – feedback
 - Felt a great engagement on the day Pastoral members handed out Stewardship books
 - Positive feedback so far
 - Follow-up with New Members (Handout)
 - Each member has 4 new households to call to follow up with as being a new member
 - Let's get these calls made by the 11th of December
 - Type up the answers to the questions we asked the new members and email to Tammy
 - Next steps: St. Paul's Future (Handout)
 - After making the phone calls to new members, we might have a better idea on what future plans should be for our parish
 - Tammy will compile a list of "events" we would like to implement within the parish
- **District/Deanery 5 Update – Linda Varner**
 - The APC meeting will be at St. Anthony on the Lake Parish on Wednesday November 30th from 6:30-8:30 pm.

- The next meeting will be six months after this one. We can offer St Paul's to host for this as long as it works with our calendar.

COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm

- **Pastor's Report:**
 - **Please keep Father Chuck in your prayers!**
 - He will be taking a six month leave of absence at the beginning January 2, 2017

Meeting topics w/o Pastor @ 8:00pm

Committee Reports:

- **School:**

St. Paul and St. Bruno - November 14, 2016

- Interim Principal Ben Holzem feels the co-principal role is still doing fine and running smoothly. Rita Borowski brought up the measures of determining the success of this co-principal process. Some members expressed that it should be through teacher feedback, parent feedback and student performance and activity – putting a greater weight on the teacher feedback. Mr. Holzem expressed his desire to give this process more time.
- Most of the meeting revolved around increasing enrollment and retention. A desired short term outcome is to increase by 10 students in each school eventually increasing to maintaining 200 students per school.
- Steve Marcus was asked to attend (by St. Bruno) to discuss marketing strategies for both schools. Short term and long term range tactics need to be formalized

- **Faith Formation:**

- This is a joint committee with St. Bruno, so when they come on April 25th they would like to present during the common meeting portion of our meeting.
- The first middle school Rec night was a success with 30 kids attending starting with a group activity for community bonding. The next one is January 27th and Karen could use some help with set up.
- Vacation Bible School tentatively set for June 12-17.
- Bill Snyder might be able to snag some of the speakers from the Men of Christ conference on April 1 to come to our parish. These include Scott Hahn, Jessie Ramero and Jason Everett.
- Need ideas for Lent to offer the parish.
- Next adult speakers for our parishes: Thelma Walker Advent with New Eyes - St. Paul Nov, 20 after mass downstairs. Tim Crain - Judaism, Christianity, Islam: Three Religions But One God St. Paul Dec. 18. After mass.

- **Prayer and worship:**

- Did not meet this month yet

- **Human concerns:**

Ministry Updates

- SUCCESSFUL Year of Mercy
- Bereavement—All Souls' ritual at both masses; Reception following 6pm mass October 29 with good turn-out and good comments re. ritual from the families of those who died.
- The Giving Tree display—NEED HELPERS AFTER MASSES to sort gifts; gifts must be in by 12/4/16, 9:30am
- Adventure Day, 12/3/16, Reformation Lutheran; need cookie donations by 12/2/16, 4pm

Ongoing Business

- Ministry/Stewardship Fair discussion—possibly after Easter. Check with other parishes to see what makes for a successful fair.
- Next year's focus: take time during the meetings to write job descriptions to entice more volunteers; specify exact time involved, responsibilities, and skills needed

Pastoral Council Update

- Vickie Schroeder and Linda Varner shared the work on visioning and goals
- Human Concerns committee suggested COUNCIL WORK WITH FIRST LIST OF GOALS R/T STRATEGIC PLANNING BEFORE CREATING NEW ONES
- Human Concerns also suggested HANGING PICTURES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE so people know who they are.
- **Stewardship:**
 - A Thank you letter to all you have contributed to the Stewardship appeal will be drafted by Jim Dunlap
 - It was decided the typical 2016 letter addressing commitment vs. amount given will be combined with the Thank You letter (to save postage \$), there will be a delay for those who select automatic withdrawal for the first time due to the time it takes for this to be implemented
 - A postcard will be sent to those who have not responded to the 2017 Stewardship Appeal will be sent on 12/5/16.
 - The Bell Tower will be in place in the Gathering Space for the next few weeks showing the number of pledge cards received (vs. sent) on one side and the dollars contributed (vs. need) on the other
 - The Ministry Fair is set for the weekend of April 1-2, 2017
- **Finance Council:**
 - No meeting this month

Ears of the people:

- Everyone loved the Stewardship video at last weekend's mass

Open topic:

- Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn: by Cindy Beauchamp at 8:11 pm, seconded by Cindy Robinson.

Final prayer: Lead by Margot Schumacher

Important dates

- **Pastoral Council Introduction:** Dec. 3rd and 4th (We will stand up during mass and perhaps another form of identification –Father Chuck will advise)
- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
- Next council meeting: Tuesday, January 24th @ 6:30 pm at St. Bruno's (Guest: Finance Council)
 - Opening/Closing Prayers: **Vicki Schroeder**