

St. Paul Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, September, 26, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

at St. Bruno's

-Submitted by Sonja Fendryk-

Call to order at 6:33 pm by Cindy Beauchamp

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Cindy Robinson, Cindy Beauchamp, Jim Dunlap, Sonja Fendryk, Pete Pugal, Kelsey DeMarais, Vickie Schroeder, Tammy Lindner, Jim Winiecki, Tom Quinn, Father Dan, John Morgan
- **Visitor:** Ally Blonien
- **Absent:** Dan Zehnpfennig, Mark Sanderson

Opening Prayer: Tammy Lindner

Introductory Remarks: Welcome, School! (Ally Blonien)

- Increased number of 3K & 4K students from last year
- 20 students in the 4K stay for the full day program
- At least eight students in 4K are self-reported St. Paul Parishioners
- 2016-17 students in upper grades left St. Paul's due to
 - Low numbers in classes
 - Lack of a concrete plan to grow the middle school
 - Receive more opportunities for extracurricular activities
- Ways to increase enrollment
 - SEEKERS -Personalized learning program—geared toward smaller classes so they don't feel like they are in too small of a class but to focus on their specific needs
 - Beyond the Bell- after school program
 - Retain 4K students
 - Mentor families—invite everyone to retain the 4K students
 - Community building
 - Community carnival
 - Family BBQ & Pumpkin Roll
 - Trunk-or-Treat
 - Personalized Learning model currently implemented in grades 2-6
 - Three classrooms are utilized to provide defined workspaces
 - Two teachers act as a lead or co-lead teacher for the core academic areas
 - School Choice Program
 - Provides families the ability to afford a Catholic education
 - Grant Award
 - Will be used to purchase a 3D printer and accessories to enhance the STEM education

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Jim Dunlap, seconded by John Morgan. Nancy Bastian will upload these to the website.

Meeting topics with Pastor 6:30pm

- **Topics of discussion:**

- Mission Statement Rollout

- We discussed the next step for this and decided to ask our committees about the mission statement and decide how we want to roll it out to the parish
- Father asks that we come up with one simple way our council is going to embody our mission statement
 - Making calls to new members and being greeters at mass
- Father Dan motioned to approve the Mission statement. John Morgan seconded it. Motion carried!
 - We can now distribute the Mission Statement to our Committees

- Final Letter for Annual Report

- We are reporting to the Archdiocese a loss for this year

- Action Items from Retreat

- Final write up from Retreat – include our “Why”
- Evening of Prayer
- Greeting at Mass – commit to one mass per month
 - Suggested using "sign up genius" to sign up for being a greeter before mass on one weekend each month
- Alpha?
 - Please consider attending!
- Women of Christ/Men of Christ?
 - Please sign up if you can!
- Pray for Each Other by Name?/Prayer accountability partners
 - Pick one person that you can start with to hold yourself accountable

- Update on phone calls to new members

- Five more calls to go
- General comment: new members see a positive difference and are here to stay!

- **Pastor's Report for St. Paul's:**

- Nothing to report

- **Ears of the people:**

- Nothing to report

- **Open topic:**
 - Discussed filling Linda Varner's position. Thank you for your service Linda; you will be truly missed. We are in the process of filling her position.

COMMON MEETING @ 7:30pm

- **Pastor's Report:**
 - The Archdioceses wants to structure the Arch into vicariates within the Deaneries. We are in the Waukesha vicariate and the Waukesha West Deanery. This change has already taken place. This doesn't directly affect our parishes
 - Father Dan would like to propose a change to the frequency of our joint meetings from monthly to quarterly. Both parishes approved of this proposal.

Meeting topics w/o Pastor @ 8:00pm

Voice of the people (suggestion/comment box)- Who has the key? Transfer to Cindy B.

- Key is now in Cindy's possession

Committee Reports: Cindy Robinson

- **School:**
 - Carnival was very successful given this was the first year. Lessons learned will be applied to next year's planning.
 - Principal, Ally Blonien, reported the new year was settling in; 92 children enrolled. A variety of fund raising and Home & School topics were discussed and the talent/variety of volunteers that are needed to host and support these events/committees.
 - Committee discussed strategies to promote and encourage retention of 4K and 5K families, creating a strong foundation for continued school grade enrollment progression.
- **Faith Formation:** Cindy Beauchamp
 - Bill Synder Youth Ministry: Has a slightly different format than in the past, He presents first and then small groups meet. There are roughly 120 St. Paul participants for High School. Roughly 60 for confirmation.
 - Karen Farrell Child and Family Ministry: Has about 45 kids registered (many show up that didn't register so this number will change) with about 21 First Communion.
 - Mary Kral Adult Minister is focused on Alpha. Thanks to those who passed out cards after mass. Also there is an Art and Prayer for Women at St. Bruno on Oct. 7, 9:00-11:00am.
- **Prayer and worship:** Pete Pugal (8/28/17 Meeting)
 - Advent Booklets - Based on the success of last year, customized booklets with parishioner reflections will be developed again for this years Advent season. Marcy will take the lead on this project.
 - Sound system - The two new microphones purchased for the church appear to be working fine.

- Mission Sunday - September 30, October 1.
- All Saints (Wednesday November 1 at 8:45 AM and 7:00 PM at St. Paul's)- Ushers were requested for the evening mass.
- All Soul's Mass (Thursday November 2 at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's)- Ushers were requested at this mass as well.
- Art and Environment- Jean is stepping down and a new committee will be formed to take over duties and responsibilities. Peggy will document current processes to help the new committee once formed.
- Servers - There are no servers in the school so the committee will reach out to Christian Formation students to recruit and train new servers. We currently are short on servers. This has traditionally been a ministry for our youth in the parish.
- Pastoral Council Leadership Changes - An election of new leaders took place at the August meeting. New leaders are; Chair - Cindy Beauchamp, Vice Chair - Cindy Robinson and Secretary - Sonja Fendryk.
- Pastoral Liaison new member to Prayer and Worship Committee are Mark Sanderson and Jim Winiecki.
- Mission Statement - The St Paul's mission statement has been revised and will be the focus of the Pastoral Councils retreat being held in September. The new statement will be rolled out to our various committees shortly thereafter.
- Mary Kral presented ALPHA, a program designed to "know Jesus better" which will be offered at both parishes starting October 2nd and 3rd.
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- **Prayer and worship:** Mark Sanderson (9/25/17 Meeting)
 - Peggy reported on the restructure of the committee.
 - Trying to get new blood in the committee by recruiting people who love the liturgy
 - Common theme about how to get people more engaged
 - Utilizing the Parish committee resource book as a guide.
 - Peggy has recruited Mary Ellen Bauer to come on board as a leader. She has extensive leadership experience in the corporate world.
 - Father Dan reviewed strategy for the mission statement with the group.
 - Father Dan discussed stewardship and what the immediate plans are.
 - Stewardship is comprised of 3 components: prayer, talent, and treasure.
 - There will be a focus on prayer Oct 1 thru Oct 21. Inserting prayer cards in missalettes, which will be prayed at end of mass.
 - 1st weekend in November there will be a witness video. "How do you live out stewardship".
 - Nov 11-12 ask people to turn in pledge cards.
 - Mary Kay L. and Dave G. are working on a 24 hour adoration Oct 13-14. With benediction Saturday morning and rosary at noon.
 - Nancy presented an example of a brochure she had seen at another parish. The brochure was a quick reference of the parish ministries and ways to volunteer. The brochures were located in the pews.
 - Jean stated that the statue of Mary is moved from the school into the gathering space on Oct 1. People have asked if it could be placed in the church. It was agreed that it could.
 - Jean wanted to get the process of transitioning her role as Art and Environment chair started asap, but Father Dan asked her to hold off until the ministry fair in Spring.
 - Jean agreed as long as the proper request went out for help. Especially for the Christmas season. She could not stress enough that she needed help and was tired of

doing it with a small group. The group was confident that we can recruit the help she needed.

- Michelle reported that we continue to have a shortage of servers. Currently we have 12 and she would like to see that doubled. Announcement will go in the bulletin for training.
- John S. and Ally would like school kids to be greeters.

- **Human concerns:** Vickie Schroeder; 9/13/17

- Peru ministry:

- Summary of July 10-19, 2017 mission trip, a non-medical mission trip. 50 water purification systems were provided
- Next medical mission will be in 2019 rather than 2018, as originally thought. The goal is to send four medical providers and a chiropractor.
- The sisters are challenged by their old car, a model from the 1980's, often breaking down.

- Reformation Lutheran Ministry:

- St. Paul donated a very generous amount of school supplies
- Reformation Lutheran might hold a fellowship pot luck after church on an upcoming Sunday, for its parishioners and residents of its neighborhood. Wonders if St. Paul would like to participate in some way. Deb Schneider will look into this.

- KM Food Pantry Ministry:

- St. Paul's most recent reverse giving collection resulted in a donation of over 1,000 items to the pantry

- Hope Center:

- 10/11 is the next date on which St. Paul volunteers will serve dinner. We do this 2x/yr.
- St. Paul provides milk and desserts in addition to serving.

- St. Ben's meal:

- Third Thursday of each month
- Volunteers needed at 8 a.m. in the St. Paul cafeteria to chop vegetables

- Youth Service Projects:

- Anyone with ideas for service projects for youth should email them to Bill Snyder & cc to Mary Kral

- **Stewardship:** Kelsey DeMarais (9/19/17)

- Prayer (1st)

- Fr. Dan is implementing various encouragement in homilies and weekly articles touching upon prayer

- Treasure (2nd -Fall) Theme of "Walk with Me"

- Initial mailing last week in September
- Prayer cards in October
- Adoration October 13-14, Rosary at noon on 14th

- Commitment cards mailed end of October
 - Witness video during mass, first weekend in November
 - How does St. Paul's walk with you through your journey?
 - ii. What does St. Paul Parish mean to you?
 - iii. How has St. Paul's helped you in your mission?
 - What is stewardship to you?
 - Commitment weekend November 11 & 12
 - Talent (3rd in spring)
- **Finance Council:**
 - There are two new members (Joanne Stark and Curt Groninger)
 - Discussed the parking lot expenses' effect on the financial surplus we had
 - Discussed our mortgage

Open topic:

- Auction Basket "Fore" the kids
 - All members of the Council have contributed to this wonderful basket!
- Social with St. Bruno's
 - Currently discussing dates
- Going forward with Pastoral Council meeting times:
 - When we meet at St. Bruno's, we will meet from 6:30 pm until approximately 7:30.
 - When we meet at St. Paul's, we will meet from 7:00 pm until approximately 8:00.

Motion to adjourn: by John Morgan at 8:15, seconded by Tammy Lindner.

Final prayer: Lead by Tammy Lindner

Important dates

- Next council meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 24th at St. Paul's at 7pm.
 - Beginning/Ending Prayer: Jim Winiecki
 - Guest – Human Concerns
- Pastoral Council Blessing October 15, 2017
- Faith Formation Spaghetti Dinner (needs servers/ticket sellers/clean up) November 11, 2017
- Pastoral Council Fish Fry February 16th, 2018
- Next year's retreat September 7-8, 2018
- Live auction item for Dinner Auction? Feb. 10th, 2018- Theme: "A Night Under the Stars"