

ST. BRUNO PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
January 26, 2016

Members Present: Fr. Ralph Gross, Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Scott Vandenhouten, John Mezydlo Jr., Rita Borowski, Jenny Harnack, Joe Kuenzli, Steve Paquin, Mary Pfaff, Pat Seegers, Louise Diodato

Members Excused: Amanda Borth, Jerry Dorff, Bob Leonard

Visitor: Tom Parulski

Approve Previous Minutes: John moved that the November 24, 2015 minutes be approved. Pat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thank You Cards

- Tim Dittman
- Green Team
- Mark Gould
- Tim Meyer – the card never made it around the table. We'll try again in February.

Old Business

- Eyes and Ears of the Parish, what have we heard?
 - Cancellation of Christmas concert was a disappointment to community residents.
 - Greeters are a nice introduction to the Mass.
 - Parishioners still have the perception that as St. Bruno loses staff, St. Paul is getting staff or sharing staff with St. Bruno. St. Bruno isn't getting replacements, just sending St. Paul staff to St. Bruno.
 - Valet parking is a great perk. Scott reported that only a few people use the service, but just having the service is a type of greeting or welcome.
- Goals: Rita Borowski encouraged the Council to review current goals and discuss setting fiscal goals for 2016-17. We should have the goals set up before the new fiscal year arrives. The SMART format worked well last year. We should have two easy goals, two medium hard goals, and two goals that are hard, but at the same time stretch our talents. The Council creates the parish goals which are then given to the appropriate ministries. When the parish goals are set, the Finance Committee has an easier time allocating money. Some ideas discussed:
 - Monitor strategic initiatives
 - Continue Mass evangelization
 - Enhance youth program at St. Bruno
 - Convert the convent rooms above the school into living space for the homeless
 - Create an attitude of reverence on the Altar. (Some servers and some Eucharistic Ministers appear too casual.)

New Business

- Human Concerns Committee Update - Tom Parulski, Chair. Tom gave a presentation on all the ministries that fall under the Human Concerns Ministry. His remarks are attached. What does the Pastoral Council expect from Human Concerns? A 12 month calendar that shows all the activities and events that Human Concerns is responsible for or sponsoring would be very useful to the Parish. Parishioners might be eager to help with some of these ministries if they could see when events take place. A calendar would also be useful in budget planning. Thanks, Tom, for a very informative presentation!
- Synod Newsletter: John Mezydlo reviewed the valuable information inside the bimonthly publication from the Archdiocese that is included in our Bulletin.
- Transition Discussion (Positions, PC and Committee meetings/format, etc.) will be moved to the February meeting.

- The vacant position of Assistant Music Director at St. Bruno was explained. The St. Bruno Assistant Music Director will report to the Music Director at St. Paul.
- The position of Administrative Assistant has been advertised and interviews are being conducted. This is an entry level position.
- Scott reminded the Councilors that we should all be attending our liaison committee meetings.
- Calendar of Events
 - 1/29/16 – St. Paul Fish Fry (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
 - 1/30/16 – St. Bruno Chili Dinner (after 5:00 p.m. Mass)
 - 1/31/16 – Catholic Schools Week Begins
 - 1/31/16 – St. Bruno School Open House (after 10:30 a.m. Mass)
 - 2/3/16 – Feast of St. Blaise
 - 2/4/16 – St. Bruno School Open House and Academic Night (6:30 p.m.)
 - 2/10/16 – Ash Wednesday (St. Bruno Masses – 6:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
 - 2/18/16 – St. Bruno School Fine Arts Night Waukesha Civic Theater
 - 2/26-27/16 – Mom2Mom Retreat
 - 3/12/16 – 10th Annual Men of Christ Conference
 - 4/30/16 – Men Who Cook Dinner and Auction
 - 6/5/16 – Fr. Vincent Strand’s Mass of Thanksgiving (10:30 a.m. Mass)
 - 6/18-19/16 – Fr. Ralph’s Last Weekend

Joint Meeting: St. Bruno and St. Paul Pastoral Councils

Transition Initiative Rita reported on the Strategic Initiatives. The plan has fallen behind due to a number of issues, most especially due to the new position of Rita as Cluster Director. Learning a new job, hiring and training new staff, and staff vacancies have caused Rita to be overloaded, through no fault of her own.

Progress has been made. See Report attached.

Lent Take 5 Father Ralph handed out a copy of all the Take 5 opportunities for Lent. Each family will be encouraged to read Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly (handed out free) and participate in the community conversation. There are several other opportunities offered at both parishes during Lent. See the Bulletin for opportunities.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at St. Paul, at 6:30 PM in the St. Matthew Room

Prepared and submitted by

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Liaison Reports

- APC: no meeting
- Buildings and Grounds: no report
- Communications: no report
- Faith Formation:
 - Totus Tuus will be offered for children summer 2016
 - The strategic Initiatives were addressed, particularly FF5 and FF6
 - Take 5 events for Lent are being planned
 - The summer mission trip for teens will be “Alive in You” in Springfield, Illinois.
 - Catholic ID is moving forward with Margaret Rhody is the leader.
- Finance Council:
 - Parish income doing okay, especially buoyed by a \$50K gift last month
 - Expenses are under budget; yet still cutting expenditures where possible
 - There are no looming financial red-flags
 - LED lighting proposals still a work in progress; no update available
 - Consideration is being given to a redo of the church mortgage. Note matures March 2018. Current interest rate is 4.28%. ~ Hopes are not necessarily to reduce the rate, but rather to extend the mortgage due date. With the national elections in fall, anticipated administration change re federal interest rates is unknown
 - Budgeting sub-committee of the F/C will have its initial meeting this Wednesday, 1/20/16. Subsequent meetings will be Wednesdays after each F/C meeting
- Human Concerns: in person report by Tom Parulski
- Prayer & Worship:
 - Attendance numbers fluctuated for the Christmas Masses with the 4 o'clock most attended at 799, making the ciboria not large enough to serve all. In the future a runner will be needed to refill.
 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 5 pm Mass was well attended at 182, Fr. McGlenn concelebrated. It went well and the children's flower procession was great.
 - Tim Meyer did a great job on AED and Emergency procedure training for ushers.
 - With Mark Gould leaving, Cheryl Snyder is having a hard time getting cantors to sign up. Hopefully, more people will step forward with a personal call.
- School:
 - Discussed school survey and what could be taken away from the questions. Collaboration is difficult but can be done. Survey offered some good insight, but might be best to evaluate each schools strengths and weaknesses.
 - School choice- both principles endorse program. Applications will be started by principles (12/14/15). School choice application sent in. Not sure when accepted. Will be creating policy especially around enrollment and expulsions for legal purposes.
 - KM Garden club gave \$550 grant for our school garden.
 - Wayne Schwister and Mike Destasio would like to find people, especially school committee, would like to take over golf outing.
- Stewardship:
 - Signups of new parishioners — SLOW
 - Chili dinner plans discussed
 - Budget of Stewardship –Jim Brahm to discuss with PC
 - Golf Outing : School committee to weigh in on this event
 - Men who cook April 30- Need auction Items
 - Egg hunt preliminary discussion
 - Parish picnic Preliminary Discussion
 - Fr. Ralph retirement party- What- Who-Where all to be decided