

ST. BRUNO PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
April 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, Jerry Dorff, Louise Diodato

Members Excused: Amanda Borth, Bob Leonard, Pat Seegers

Visitor: Les Vertz

Approve Previous Minutes: February 23, 2016 and March 16, 2016 approved.

Thank You Cards

- Holy Dusters (Sue Counsell)
- Robby Geboy (Advant Florist)
- Karen Hoffman
- Julie Stier

Old Business

- Eyes and Ears of the Parish: Councilors heard both positive and neutral reactions to the Mass time changes. Scott's presentation was well received, and it was important for the parishioners to hear his appeal.
 - Understanding from parishioners
 - Appreciative of the explanations provided
 - Mixed messages, understanding –despite displeasure
 - Occasional comments about switching parishes or other negative remarks
 - People concluding after consideration, that St. Bruno is their parish and they will stay.

New Business

- Faith Formation
 - Request received to bring HS faith formation back to Sunday evenings.
- **Thank you/Appreciation** to parishioners who donated their time, supplies and equipment to help with the campus clean up.
- **Pastoral Council Nominations** – not all nominees returned phone calls
 - Les Vertz - considering
 - Bill Bridge – considering
 - John Hoffman – considering
 - Steve Kelchen - considering
- Fr. Ralph discussed nominations and history/importance and purpose of pastoral council; crucial and essential advisory role to the pastor; goal setting role of the council; discern which willing nominees will serve on council; having liaisons to and shared communication with the council's Standing Committees; history of St. Paul/St. Bruno Councils and Staffs setting down over 30 initiatives that then were delegated to strategic planning groups.

- Scott reviewed additional roles of council members for Les, visiting nominee. Explained council member participation in various parish committees – committee liaisons.
- Councilors whose terms are expiring:
 - Amanda Borth – no decision yet
 - Jerry Dorff – will not be returning
 - John Mezydlo – will not be returning

Transition Initiative

- Progress on strategic planning initiatives presented by Rita – see list provided by Rita.
- Rita will send possible dates for meeting to review progress among strategic planning leaders

Pastor's Report/Calendar

- April 30 – Men Who Cook Dinner and Auction
- May 14-15 – Mass time changes take effect
- May 31 – Pastoral Council discernment, 7PM
- June 3 – 8th grade graduation
- June 4 – Fr. Vince Strand's ordination at Gesu
- June 5 – Fr. Vince Strand's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Bruno 10:30 Mass
- June 18-19 – Fr. Ralph's retirement celebration
- August 13 – Golf outing

Liaison Reports

- APC: no meeting
- Communications: no report
- Faith Formation:
 - The meeting was devoted to a presentation of Faith Formation Ministries in response to their charge to fulfill FF6 from the Strategic Planning document. This is a work in progress.
- Human Concerns: No meeting.
- Prayer & Worship:
 - Vince Strand will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 5 @ 10:30AM
 - Susan Atwater is retiring.
 - Fr. Ralph's retirement farewell is the weekend of June 18/19
 - Debbie Hendrick would like anyone who has anything historical or meaningful to our parish to pass it on to her as she is the St. Bruno historian
 - Pentecost Sunday is the first weekend of the new Mass schedule, and is scheduled as a Welcome Weekend.
 - New hymnal covers are being donated to prevent the blue marks on the pews.
- School:
 - 2 school choice student applications 5th grade, 3k
 - School donating VIP foursome to golf outing
 - First planting this week in school garden
 - Interviewing 1st grade teacher this week. 4 applicants
 - Planning for golf outing by committee is going
- Stewardship: No meeting.

- Buildings and Grounds: no report
- Finance Council: no report

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at St. Bruno, 7PM

Prepared by Jenny Harnack

Submitted by Louise Diodato