

MINUTES

COMMON MEETING NIGHT, JAN 10, 2018

ST. BRUNO PARISH

A PASTORAL COUNCIL sponsored Common Meeting Night.

Format: A pot luck supper followed by a gathering in church. Committees and Ministries introduced by John Hoffman, who asked each to describe the work of their group.

PC Members Present: John Hoffman, Kathy Galando, Cindy Maloney, Mary Pfaff, Eileen Rudnick, Steve Paquin, Fr. Dan Volkert, Pastor.

Absent: Jenny Harnack, Bob Leonard, Pat Seegers, Les Vertz, Kelly Wiza

Welcome by John Hoffman, Chair of St. Bruno Pastoral Council. He explained that someone from each of the 5 standing committees would talk and highlight a project or an accomplishment made in 2017. Prior to those reports, John introduced Michelle Vandenhouten, chair of the April 21, 2018 Men Who Cook.

Michelle Vandenhouten

The theme for this year's event is "Wizard of Oz". This is truly a joint effort. Please sign up to help and attend the event.

Cheryl Snyder, Prayer and Worship

There was a very successful Liturgical Ministry Training session held in October. It was well attended. An ongoing project has been planning for the installation of a railing from the main floor of the church to the sanctuary.

Steve Marcus, Communication & Technology

They regulate and support the parish and school brand to ensure a consistent, positive and professional image is portrayed. They are updating the Committee and Ministry Booklet (not to be confused with a pictorial directory)

Jim Brahm, Stewardship

Social events have included the chili dinner, summer picnic, raffle and golf outing. They will soon start working on updating the list of parish members.

Jean Hoffman, Faith Formation

Their committee works jointly with St. Paul. They coordinate education programs, ALPHA, RCIA, Men of Christ, confirmation. On Feb. 23, 2018 Living Stations will be presented in the school gym.

Human Concerns, Betty Igl

Discerns the social needs of various groups within the parish and wider community and strive to fill those needs.

Mary Daniel, Buildings & Grounds

The new church is now 12 years old and needs constant care and maintenance. Remember: KEEP KURT HAPPY

Ben Holzem, Principal. St. Bruno School

30 new students were enrolled this year. Grades 8, 7 & 6 have been provided with Chrome computers. A computer cart is available for other grades to share. Spanish is being taught 2 x week, grades 3-K to 8.

Steve Spiegelhoff, Business Manager

Work ongoing to enter pledges into the database. School choice participation resulted in a change to full accrual accounting method.

Fr. Dan Volkert, Pastor, Safety Program

We will shortly be implementing the new Safety Protocol developed by Bob Leonard and his committee that developed from a concern with regard to the health and personal safety of the St. Bruno community. Thank you for all you do.

John Hoffman then dismissed all but the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council who then conducted a joint meeting.

Steve Spiegelhoff reported that 228 families pledged \$2,387,000 in the “My Parish, Our Future” campaign that just ended. 95% of those pledges were filled.

To date, 191 families (1/3rd of the parish) have pledged \$1,452,000 in the **Sharing Our Faith, Growing Our Legacy** pledge drive. 49 parishioners decreased their pledge, 50 increased their pledge, 36 did not pledge the last time but now have, and 79 pledged last time but not this time. There are parishioners who do not pledge, but contribute regularly. We are \$934,000 short of meeting our goal. Now what? Why the drop in pledges? What can be done to reach those who have not pledged?

The following discussion was held:

. Parishioners don't know if the new campaign was successful! Regular updates in the bulletin and on the website should give that information. They should know the percentage of parishioners who have pledged and the amount. Many don't understand this is a new pledge drive and the old drive is over. That a new pledge card needs to be completed so the parish can budget based on pledged contributions.

- . Make personal visits to those who have not pledged.
- . Encourage the use of the "I Give Online with my EOffering" program.
- . Scripted telephone calls to those who didn't pledge to find out if they understand that the old drive is finished and **Sharing our Faith, Growing Our Legacy** is a new 3 year pledge drive.
- . This is a great parish doing great things. Parishioners need to hear about the good work being done in the parish by staff and committee/ministry participants. Inserts should be regularly inserted in the bulletin, and e-mailed to parish members highlighting those good works and encouraging participation.
- . The same information should go in the school's electronic news.
- . It is felt that many do not realize this is a new pledge drive, and they have to fill in a new commitment card. That a pledge is not a legally binding contract, and can be put on hold if a family's financial circumstances prevent them from fulfilling their pledge.
- . At the end of 2017 letters were sent out that detailed the amount that an individual pledged in the **Sharing our Faith, Growing Our Legacy** campaign and how much they actually donated. Subsequently, a number of checks were sent in covering the difference between what was pledged and contributed when people realized they had missed one or more payments. It was felt this should be done yearly, not just at the end of a campaign.
- . New tax laws affecting those 70 1/2+ years of age can reduce the amount of gross taxable income, if payments go directly to a charity out of an individual's IRA. Provide particulars and get the word out.

Meeting adjourned by John Hoffman.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Rudnick, Secretary
Pastoral Council