

St. Bruno Committees  
Common Meeting Night  
January 15, 2019

Opening prayer – Fr. Dan Volkert

Introduction – John Hoffman

Men Who Cook – Michelle Vandenhouten

- Auction raised approximately \$70,000 last year
- Why Michelle still here? Still loves this event and brings parish and school together
- Story about her daughter learning the importance of serving and being served at St. Bruno. Wants that to importance to stay at St. Bruno School and sees the value in this event.
- Calling on veterans and new families to get involved and donate

Cheryl Snyder – Prayer and Worship

- Importance on meaningful liturgy and sacramental life and environment
- Training more lay ministers, really could use more servers
- MSP Scheduler and that has been helpful
- Sharing services with St. Paul is going well and working
- Praise and worship mass once a month
- Art and environment (new banners) Confirmation students helped hang banners
- Could use people for Adoration
- Going to begin planning for Lent

Tom Parulski – Human Concerns

- Sponsored food dinner drive and food donated to KM food pantry.
- Hospital ministry doing well and distributes on Thursdays
- Bereavement support group and mass of remembrance
- Blood pressure screening
- Prayer shall ministry – 10 years strong
- St. Ben meal St. Bruno still sends volunteers once a month to MKE
- St. Vincent meets each month helps people in the area and assesses needs of those families in the area

Tim Dittmann – Finance Committee

- Steve Spiegelhoff has been great and taken a huge burden off the council
- EPO not as successful as it has been in the past
- Creates challenges with budget
- Good news is mortgage will be paid off in less than 2 years

Jim Brahm – Stewardship

- Promote time talent and treasure

- Chili dinner is Jan 26 all kinds of chili available
- 180 people last year
- Easter egg hunt 1500 plastic eggs
- Helps with auction and golf outing – both have been very successful in the past
- Parish picnic – wonderful event last year
- Treasure – Raffle in the fall was very successful exceeded by 20%
- Helping with new parishioner sign ups, pledge cards
- Need more members but very strong and active

#### Mary Daniel – Building and Grounds

- Thank you for being part of building and grounds (we are the eyes)
- Thank you, Pat Seegers, for changing the bulbs
- Kurt very dedicated and really cares
- Paul Kronschnabel, Mike Chilson, and Paul Tabat take care of many things for us
- Dave takes care of the plants outside
- Jim Millane retired plumber
- Scott Vandenhouten always around and watching for things
- Arnie Uglum very helpful too even though not member
- Ideas of things that need attention goes to Fr. Dan, then finance. Many things that always need attention
- Altar needs refinishing, gym floor, the list goes on

#### Mary MacDonald – School Committee

- Mission is inspiring academic excellent and inspiring catholic values in a faith filled community
- GOALS – See last night’s meeting 107 students
  - Advertising to Catholics and people who want morals involved
- Lots of buddy and service activities and we are respected in the community
- Bob Leonard working on safety plan for the school and will use state grant money for new more secure entrance.
- Marketing
  - **GOALS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE**
    - **Foster communication between parents and teachers**
    - **Communicate information on assessment tools (Iowa, Forward and PALS exams)**
    - **Strengthen partnership between school and parish**
    - **Assist development and marketing efforts**
  - Identify what parents like about school
  - Set academic goals
  - Choose methods and evaluate
    - Identify students who need extra help
  - Work on evaluating curriculum and aligned to standards of what we should accomplished and not too much overlapping
  - Tim Wiza – athletic committee

- Jenny Harnack - School advisory committee practices and operations
- Janice Carpenter – Home and school committee

#### Faith Formation Amy Golden and Mary Kral

- Great leadership under Jean Warren but she retired as chair
- Need more members
- Amy's highlight
  - Trend that she is preparing school child for baptism
  - Year 2 Catechesis of the Good Shephard
    - School, Sunday school
  - Amy completing level 2 training which is geared more toward 6-8 aged kids
  - Middle school ministry being led by some women that is youth group based and then teaching, then small groups and then activity and then closing prayer
  - Hidden gem – family session of child ministry (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) for the whole family
- Half way through the year Bill left – Jennifer stepped up as interim YM (She has been at St. Paul's for many years)

#### Adult Formation - Mary Kral

- Looking for ways to develop relationships with each other
- 3 RCIA program
- Baptism classes great way to begin these relationships and conversations
- Alpha 170 people participate
  - Felt safe to share faith there
- 2 small groups after Alpha – a lot of support and sense of belonging
- Parish mission coming up at St. Paul's and St. Bruno's
- Volunteers always needed and wanted

#### Business Office – Steve Spiegelhoff

- A lot of changes brought on School Choice
- Mostly changing in methods
- Chrystal and Sue are both huge help

#### Steve Marcus – Communications Committee

- Help with marketing materials for all committees and school
- Working on Men Who Cook Dinner, signage for golf outing, Build websites
- Here to help us look good internally and externally and everything flows together
- John Kimpekl great photographer

#### Guatemala Mission - Sharon Burt and Bill James

- Guatemala mission
- 2016 was the last trip, graduating 50 teachers at this time and the schools were full of teachers and they were then not finding work
- Things changed, priest moved, assistant moved, parish changed.
- Replaced with someone not good

- Lost government funding and school was shut down
- Funds gathered for Guatemala will now go to established Arch Diocesan school in the Dominican Republic
- Planning on insert in bulletin to explain what happened and let everyone know about where the funds can go

Anna Marie

- A small discussion group from the Renew Mission from 30 years ago still meets and discusses scripture

Mark Karpfinger – Men's group

- 6am to 7am looking for more members

Fr. Dan

- Mission to engage parish in all aspects of stewardship (not just money)
- Pastoral Council had retreat to start learning this in the fall and another one next month and then we will start engaging this
- Volunteering
  - o Faith formation
  - o Pastoral Council
  - o Parish mission was short (budget could be short)
- Need to engage a lifestyle of steward, what can I do?