

The regular monthly meeting of the St Bridget Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the rectory of St. Bridget Church with the chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary present. The members gathered in the rectory's visiting room at 6:30pm for social time and prayer.

Regular meeting began at 7:15 pm in the conference room. Present at meeting:

Father Benjamin Ross, Administrator

Marsha Plesac

Alfonso Garcia

Rose Benoit

Beverly Crouch

John Crouch

Jennifer James

Tanya Meagher

Jennifer Solivais

Father Ben's birthday was March 13th and Marsha Plesac and Tanya Meagher brought cake to celebrate Father's birthday.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Marsha spoke with Betty Anne Daniels regarding Book Club. Betty Anne explained the book club is faith-based, informative and helps people grow as individuals. It was a nice conversation and it was determined that Book Club will be placed under the Parish Life commission.

2) Regarding the formation of remaining parish ministries, it was determined they are now under the following commissions:

Education & Formation: RCIA (formerly in Spirituality & Worship)

Parish Life: Book Club, Style Show Committee, Turkey Bingo, Craft Show, Vendor Fair, Pancake Breakfast, Coffee & Donuts. Knights of Columbus and St. Anne's Confraternity ministries are now included in this commission

Stewardship: Administration & Building Maintenance, Garden Club, Welcoming Committee (through St. Anne's Confraternity)

3) It has been decided to table discussion regarding liaisons to commissions for April's meeting. Marsha suggested we pray and further discern on approach.

4) Alfonso Garcia needs the pdf for St. Bridget's logo in order to move on creating name tags for the council members. Father Ben will further seek aid on finding this information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Jen Solivais discussed Martha's Ministry. This is a ministry that she created in which meals are made for the homeless and then delivered to the Sisters of St. Mark's in Glen Park for distribution. Jen says our parishioners are welcome to donate cooked meals and further information is forthcoming via St. Bridget's bulletin. It was determined that Martha's Ministry will fall under the commission of **Peace & Social Justice**.

2) Pastoral plan - vision for the future. Information gathering methods include:

- a. Forming liaisons
- b. Introducing Organizational Chart (Commissions - Ministries - Organizations)

3) John Crouch attended the Synod meeting at St. Mary Church in Griffith on March 5, 2018. He says there are three initiatives with four goals. The first initiative is Evangelization. The Alpha Program will be introduced to St. Bridget sometime in June 2018. Father Ben asked Tanya Meagher to champion this program. Tanya accepted the role. The second initiative is Vocations & Leadership. Marsha Plesac will champion this initiative. The third initiative is Sacraments, Prayer and Worship with two goals being unbound ministry formed by September 2019 and Sacred Heart Devotions. Father Ben asked Mary Long to champion this in 2019.

“Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples” Book Discussion:

The Chair felt it is an interesting read. John was amazed by the incredible journey of faith of these saints and how we at St. Bridget's are called to an incredible journey of faith as well. Rose felt the chapter was moving because of the unconditional love and faith these future saints had for God; they believed anything they did would only increase the followers of the Catholic Church and so it did. Father Ben liked the fact that the missionaries who set out to spread conversion had complete trust in God.

The council members are to read Chapter Two before next meeting for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm with closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Rose Benoit, Secretary