

PASTORAL COUNCIL JUNE 2018 MINUTES (REVISED)

The regular monthly meeting of the St Bridget Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, June 20, 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 7:00 pm in the conference room. Present at meeting:

Father Benjamin Ross, Administrator
Tanya Meagher
Jennifer Solivais
Jennifer James
Rose Benoit
Alfonso Garcia
Beverly Crouch
John Crouch
Marsha Plesac

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of commission reports:

John spoke to some members in Unbound class about ministry concerns/comments. Rose spoke with Dr. Robert Ray, although he is head of Lector ministry, he did say he could be reached to speak about the Pancake Breakfast committee anytime. Jen James, Tanya and Father Ben received Religious Education Handbooks from Tyra Serrano to preview, revise and update. Tyra reported the members of the Bible class have progressed and some are now Eucharistic Ministers. Reporting on the RCIA, there are two parishioners currently going through this program. Jen Solivais met with St Vincent de Paul and their concern is more volunteers, young and old, are needed. Jen also met with Jane Krause regarding the Welcoming Committee. Jane had a productive week visiting with five families; another benefit, Jane will be receiving help from another parishioner who stepped up to help the committee. Marsha received feedback from Diane MacDonald and St Anne's Confraternity. They are open to the diagram and what the pastoral council is doing right now; more young people are needed to step up and Diane feels strongly about fundraising for the parish, possibly a Nelson's Port a Pit Chicken event for Summer 2019. She would like to have evening meetings for St Anne, possibly in the Summer months. Mrs. MacDonald also suggests a committee of some sort for funeral luncheons; having ministries rotate every two months to prepare these luncheons is an idea.

Currently, Diane MacDonald is the ProLife contact and would like to step down. ProLife advocacy duties may include being present at Planned Parenthood offices, ProLife functions and Women's Care Center support.

A Leadership Rally is in the works for all ministries to come together for pastoral council information distribution.

NEW BUSINESS:

St Bridget is hosting the Synod Discussion on July 16th from 6:30p to 8:30p with neighboring churches of St. Mary (Griffith), Assumption and St. Ann present. Bishop Hying will lead discussion.

Alpha Program - 12 weeks long; this program explores Catholic faith that is relaxed and respectful and consists of food, videos and discussion. Each meeting is two hours long and is designed to get one thinking of one's faith and how it applies to everyday life. This program will begin on August 7th in the Conference Room at St. Bridget Rectory.

Discussing Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples

Chapter 5 was discussed. Marsha liked the First 15 where meetings begin with "giving over to the Lord the first fifteen minutes for prayer and reflection..." as well as the implementation of small groups formed that, after a year's time, they became more comfortable sharing stories with one another and having profound conversations about their growing relationship with Jesus.

Bev felt this is the best chapter in the book so far.

Chapter 6 should be read before next meeting to discuss.

Tabled: A question sheet about the Culture of St. Bridget was passed out to members to answer/discern and discuss at next meeting for helping our parish become a mission-driven parish. Members are to come prepared to discuss these questions.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm with Fr. Ben leading closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Rose Benoit, Secretary