

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES (REVISED 6/20/18)

The regular monthly meeting of the St Bridget Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, May 9, 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 7:05 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

Vice Chair began meeting reviewing April 2018 minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marsha Plesac brought in samples of name tags and Alfonso is working on name tags and it has been established that the cost will be \$100 or less.

Revision of Old Business: Tanya Meagher is also a liaison for Education & Formation

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Ministries & Liaison work

When meeting with ministries discussion should include:

Purpose statement

Parish vision

Diagram with Parish Commissions

We are to ask the ministries for their feedback during meeting.

Jen James & Tanya are scheduled to meet with Tyra Serrano on May 21st to discuss support of her three (3) ministries and what can be brought back to the council. Jen & Tanya will also meet with Darlene Williams.

Rose Benoit spoke with Joe Rodino, Sacristan ministry, about myself and John Crouch being liaisons to their ministry and if there are issues/concerns/questions, he can contact us. At this time he said there are no issues.

Jen Solivais will speak with the ministries in Peace & Social Justice in early June at their next meeting.

Bev Crouch will set up a meeting in her home to discuss reason for Pastoral Council to Parish Life committees.

Alfonso Garcia spoke with Garden Club ministry about Pastoral Council goals.

Father Ben feels meeting with ministries twice a year after initial visit is a good goal.

2) Synod Action Plan

- Alpha Program - Tanya met with priest at St. John who states their church has had success with this program. This will begin with Pastoral Council.
- Vocation & Leadership Formation will be headed by the Pastoral Council.
- Unbound Ministry - Study group meets on Thursday evening. There are 10 people in group.
- Sacred Heart Devotion - Cards have been placed near votive candles in the church. There will be First Friday Devotions after morning Mass for now.

3) Jen Solivais has been approached regarding the 'look' of the school building windows on Main St near the Hobart Library. The windows need to be covered with something other than worn paper/vinyl. It was advised that the windows become more appealing to the eye. Alfonso Garcia will speak with the Knights of Columbus about possibly replacing with tinted vinyl.

4) Tanya Meagher asked if it is possible to get a banner with St. Bridget's Mass times placed on wooden planks that are on the Main St. side of the church for better advertisement.

Discussing Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples

Chapter 3 and 4 were discussed. Marsha mentioned the strong spirit of the woman in Chapter 4, who after speaking with a couple women at a time to help them become prayer warriors and touch lives of the people they meet, ventured into a neighborhood where vices ran high and helped women there come in touch with their spirituality through prayer and help "restore their sense of dignity as children of God".

Chapter 5 should be read before next meeting to discuss.

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.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm with Fr. Ben leading prayer of the Sacred Heart.

Minutes submitted by Rose Benoit, Secretary