

The regular monthly meeting of the St Bridget Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, April 11, 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

Marsha Plesac

Alfonso Garcia

Rose Benoit

Beverly Crouch

John Crouch

Jennifer James

Tanya Meagher

Jennifer Solivais

OLD BUSINESS:

1) The commission liaisons were discerned and assigned as follows:

Spirituality & Worship:	Rose Benoit and John Crouch
Education & Formation:	Jennifer James
Parish Life:	Beverly Crouch and Marsha Plesac
Peace & Social Justice:	Jennifer Solivais
Stewardship:	Alfonso Garcia

2) The commission diagram was completed and approved by the council.

3) Regarding the Synod, Father Ben is requesting the pastor council members presence at the Ceremony of the Synod Action Plan to be held at Holy Angels Cathedral on May 20th at 2pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) With liaisons in place, Marsha Plesac recommended we contact the heads of each group/ministry and introduce how we will approach their concerns. Fr. Ben suggested a meeting with the heads of each group/ministry be completed before the start of summer. He also introduced a Parish Life Data Survey pamphlet by CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate), a company that can help the parish better understand the concerns and needs of the parishioners. If necessary, this is a tool that can be used, in the future.

2) The pastoral council was updated on the progress of the school and parish roof repairs, in a letter from Cheryl Balzer, St. Bridget's bookkeeper.

“Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples” Book Discussion:

Chapter Two was read and discussed in meeting with the Chair describing this chapter as “interesting and scary”; Jen James’ favorite sentence in the chapter was on page 33, “Jesus Christ is the perfect intercessor, who pleads for us at the right hand of God”. Tanya Meagher felt after reading this chapter that intercessory prayer is so important in our lives.

Father Ben asked the pastoral council to have Chapters 3 and 4 read by the next meeting to be held on May 9th, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm with quiet time prayers and closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Rose Benoit, Secretary