

Pastoral Council Minutes August 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the St Bridget Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the rectory of St. Bridget Church with the chairperson present. The members gathered in the rectory's visiting room at 6:30pm for social time and prayer.

Regular meeting began at 7:10 pm in the conference room. Present at meeting:

Father Benjamin Ross, Pastor

Beverly Crouch

John Crouch

Alfonso Garcia

Tanya Meagher

Marsha Plesac

The council reviewed and discussed several points of the financial plan that was prepared by the Parish Bookkeeper. The plan had been passed and signed by the Financial Council prior to the Parish Council meeting. The council then signed the plan.

Bev created an agenda for the Leadership Rally and passed it out to the council. Timing and order of events were discussed and agreed upon.

Marsha reviewed the folders to be distributed to the attendees. Each folder contains information and purpose for each of the commissions. Alfonso discussed the need for the subject matter to be presented as a collaborative effort and not that the parish council would be "in charge of" any one group. All members agreed.

Bev suggested a person at the registration table, other council members inviting and welcoming the attendees. The council decided to have the invitees sit at their commission table when they arrived, rather than moving everyone to their commission tables later. This would save time.

John and Bev researched the food and it was decided to go with the Walmart option for sandwiches. That was the more reasonable and cost effective option.

The actual agenda was discussed step by step. Marsha is to introduce the parish council and talk a little about what we do. Each council member will talk about a bullet point. Alfonso will talk about the diagram of commissions. We do not want to take more than 5 minutes each. At each table there will be questions specific to each commission and the liaison will send their questions to Marsha so she can type them up on color coded paper. Each liaison will sit with their group and facilitate the discussions after the initial introductions are done. It was discussed that it is important to have "a call to action" at the end of the session. We do not want to leave them wondering "what is next". The Intentional Disciples book will be passed out to everyone on their way out the door. Father Ben will do a closing prayer.

Father Ben suggested we look at a few encyclicals by Pope Francis, Holiness and Relevance to the World and The Joy of the Gospel. Marsha mentioned that she is reading Rediscovering Catholicism.

Meeting officially adjourned at 8:45 pm.