

Pastoral Council Minutes - February 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the St Bridget Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the rectory of St. Bridget Church with the 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 7:11 pm in the conference room. Present at meeting:

Father Benjamin Ross, Pastor
Jennifer Solivais
Rose Benoit
John Crouch
Tanya Meagher

January 2019 minutes approved.

Ministry Fair winners

Dinner with Father Ben: Ralph & Ginny Freimuth
Vacation Bible School 4 free tickets: Willow Palmer
Fish Fry 2 free tickets: Jackie Bell
Style Show 1 free ticket: Tom Cantwell

Comments/concerns about the Ministry Fair 2019

Marsha feels that we should have concierge-type people at the door so Pastoral Council members can walk around and talk with the members of various ministries.

Father Ben commented on the positive networking at the fair and that it was a success.

For next year, Jen proposes each guest receive a 'passport' that gets stamped at each table they visit and then is presented to the raffle booth at the end.

Bev suggests having the youth of St. Bridget be ushers at the fair guiding the parishioners/guests and giving information out. This could also serve as community service hours.

For her enthusiasm, encouragement, and table creativity, Maryanne Shaw received a \$25 Visa gift card.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coffee & Donut committee

The members prefer not to serve coffee and donuts in the summer months (June, July & August) due to a combination of reduced attendance, the heat in the lobby and scheduling difficulties as volunteers usually vacation during this time.

Unbound ministry

John is starting the next eight-week class of the Unbound Ministry on March 7th.

Sacraments

Tanya and Bev discussed an interest in making a banner for the confirmandi, communicants and reconciliation children. Prayer baskets with the names of the children receiving their sacraments will also be available at the back of the church for parishioners to pray for them during their journey. An idea for next year's confirmandi could be 25 hours of community service plus five hours of adoration.

Youth Ministry

Father Ben asked Ginny Sparks to pilot a small based youth ministry that is family based. Formed can be used as a tool for small, open groups.

Vocations Ministry

Marsha attended a meeting with chairs from St. Paul and Queen of All Saints for information and to see how this ministry can begin at St. Bridget's. She attended with Jack Serletic and prays that he can help bring life to this ministry at St. Bridget's.

New Members to the Pastoral Council

Several parishioners have been contacted for discernment. The following have shown an interest in serving on the Pastoral Council: Mary Ray, Brian & Theresa Elkman, Madeline Camacho, Becky Perrine, David Strickley, Kevin McGuire, Joe Rodino, Alice Galvin, BreAnne Csernak.

Father Ben received a draft on the discernment process from Deacon Lowery.

Formed

Jen would like Lenten videos/movies shown at St. Bridget's along with Summer with Saints monthly.

Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm with Fr. Ben leading closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Rose Benoit, Secretary