

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 15, 2018**

**ATTENDEES:** Father Jeff Goeckner, Robin Black-Rubenstein, Deacon Dan Corbett, Linda Daniels, Jason Dreyer, Lacey Gelsinger, Georgann Lautner, Marisa Nieto, Clyde Nosser, and Bruce Thorley.

**ABSENT:** Maria Carrion, Nathan Dammerich, Arthur Langston, and Jeff Litterst.

This was the inaugural common meeting of the various councils and committees: Parish School Board, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Board, Stewardship Council, Communications Committee, Spanish Board, and STB 150th Jubilee Committee.

Father Jeff opened the meeting with prayer by reading the Gospel for Pentecost Sunday. After welcoming everyone and introducing the various groups participating in this evening's event, Father thanked everyone for attending in this new format. He then proceeded with announcements.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DIOCESAN PRIEST'S ORDINATION:** May 26, 2018 at 10:30am at the Cathedral. Our choir will be providing the music and is taking a bus. The bus will leave Burton Place parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and there is room for anyone who would like to go along. Deacons Mark Tracy and Rob Johnson along with three others will be ordained that day.

**DEACON (FATHER) ROB JOHNSON:** Deacon Rob has been assigned to our parish as Parochial Vicar. He will begin here the weekend of June 30/July 1. There will be welcome receptions after all Masses.

**STB LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** May 24, 2018 at 1p.m.

**STB ENROLLMENT:** Is strong for next year with 30 registered for Kindergarten.

**FMCHS: GRADUATION--**May 20, 2018 at 2 p.m.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** May 24, 2018 at 1:30p.m.

**ENROLLMENT—**58 freshman for a total of 220 students for 2018-19 school year.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Robin Black-Rubenstein has taken a new position as Director of Campus Ministry at SIUE beginning in July. Father Rob as well as Father Jeff will be saying Masses and hearing confessions at the Dome. This opens a new channel to minister to young people at the university.

**BONIFEST:** May 25/26. Volunteers are needed.

**ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT:** June 3-8 at Kings House.

**TWIN OAK PARKING LOT UPDATE:** The lot needs to be black-topped. The stairs to the church parking lot are almost finished. Sidewalks will be poured this week. It will hopefully be ready for Bonifest.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

**SUMMER CAMPUS PROJECTS:** Some changes will be made in the lower level of the school— Kindergarten, boiler room, etc.—as well as the fourth floor loft as preparations are made for the upcoming major renovations to the school portion of the campus. The back entrance will also be closed, and a new play area created.

## **COMMON SESSION INSTRUCTIONS**

The various entities involved will submit their agendas the Thursday before the Tuesday meeting to their members; to [bdenu@st-boniface.com](mailto:bdenu@st-boniface.com), and; to the communications council.

## **MEETING FORMAT**

- Call to order
- Welcome and Prayer
- Pastor's Announcements (15 minutes)
- Meetings (1 hour). If a group needs more time they may complete their meeting after closing prayer or schedule another meeting time.
- Call back to large group (10 minutes)
- Closing prayer

## **COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL**

There is a critical need to establish a Communications Council along with the existing communication team—Benna Denu, John Lednicky, and Georgann Lautner. More members are needed who have a working knowledge of a variety of media. If anyone knows someone who would be a good fit on this committee let these members or Father know.

Father then excused everyone to their various groups to discuss their agendas.

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **2019 PARISH MISSION**

Robin contacted the Redemptorist Parish Mission Team in Chicago about doing a parish mission. They said they would send two priests who would say the Masses the weekend before the mission. They are bilingual so the mission will be simultaneously done in English and Spanish then the two groups brought together for a common session. They only charge for transportation (they'll drive to us) and a free will donation. We will schedule them for January 19-22, 2019. They have sent an informational packet detailing the format and planning aids for the mission.

Robin also checked into Deacon Harold. He charges \$2500 plus transportation. Because we will be in a jubilee year maybe we could see if he's available later in the year when he is already close to our area to keep the cost down.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL BUSINESS (continued)

### LEADERSHIP

Now that our Pastoral Associate, Robin BR, is leaving for her new job at SIUE, we need new people to fill the leadership roles of several programs. Some of these groups are established and pretty much self-sufficient but need some steady guidance.

- **RCIA TEAM:** Susie Knetzer and Georgann Lautner have agreed to take on the duties of RCIA. Georgann will be reporting to this council on RCIA. It has been agreed that the meeting nights be changed from Monday to Tuesday. On the nights when all the councils meet, RCIA will meet in the chapel. It will be mandatory for our RCIA candidates over the age of 18 attend our annual parish retreat, Koinonia. Koinonia will also come under the auspices of RCIA in the future. Robin continues to search for a lay director for this retreat group which has been holding their event the first weekend in March.
- **ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** This not only encompasses the various groups like Marthas and Marys, Free Lunch Fridays, the SAK program, Last Supper Club, etc., but is also the main function of this Pastoral Council. Our council needs someone to lead us and continue these good programs. Father has someone in mind.
- **Free Lunch Fridays:** Lou Carnoali and Kaye Grezlak have agreed to co-chair this program. Father suggested getting Lou to serve on Pastoral Council.
- **SAK:** Robin is getting the schedule together. Diane Jacober will be the communications person. Melanie Cruse and Helen Rios have agreed to continue with this program.
- **Funerals and Bereavement Ministry:** Linda is considering coordinating this ministry—getting servers, greeters for funerals. She suggested having a drive to get more people to serve with this ministry.
- **Grief Support:** This is pretty much a self-sufficient group with its core membership as Kaye Grezlak, Diane Johnson, and Mary Winkler.
- **Last Supper Club:** Topics are scheduled through November. This program needs a leader to pick the monthly topics and get them to the communications committee to be posted on the website. It was suggested to do another push to promote this program.

At our meeting in June we will be discussing getting more people on this council as our roles evolve.

### WELCOME FATHER ROB JOHNSON WEEKEND

This is the weekend of June 30/July 1. We along with the Parish Office are planning the welcome receptions following the Masses that weekend. Pastoral council will be needed to set-up before Masses and serve and clean up after the receptions.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

### DIOCESAN ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE (DAEC)

This event will be in Decatur September 30 through October 2. Robin has made reservations for 10 people from our parish leadership. Deacon Dan highly recommends attending these sessions.

### FIAT

Robin reported that our regular meeting with the young women have ended as the school year comes to a close. We generally had 6-12 girls attending along with 6 or so team leaders. The girls were enthusiastic about the group, and we are confident the interest will continue as the eighth graders move on to high school.

The team continues to meet and is in the process of regrouping and reformatting the program. We've seen a need for better organization and are forming some new committees: communications, snacks, prayer leaders, small group leaders, childcare, ice-breakers. We've discussed looking at other meeting times and found that Thursday evenings are just as good as any other. Besides, it is the same night that Fraternus meets, and with the availability of childcare, allows husbands and wives to participate in both groups. We are also talking about different materials to use for our meetings. For example: *Ablaze* and *Radiate*, companion series based on daring teen saints have been suggested. On those evenings when we have excess adults, they could have their own small group discussion. The team also talked about having separate meetings occasionally to make sure we're still on track and that our spiritual needs are being met.

At this point the groups were called back together for questions, closing thoughts, and closing prayer.

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### COMMON SESSION CLOSING

We briefly discussed some of the follow items:

- Parish Mission as part of the Jubilee celebration.
- Jubilee Kick-off on September 29, 2018.
- Filling in the many positions of leadership currently held by Robin BR.
- Stewardship Kick-off.
- Feast of Corpus Christi—Eucharistic procession from the church to City Park after 10:15 am Mass on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Welcome receptions for Father Rob after Masses the weekend of June 30/July 1.

Father closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will not meet in July.

Respectfully submitted by  
Georgann Lautner

***ST. BONIFACE PRAY FOR US!***