

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 19, 2018

ATTENDEES: Father Jeff Goeckner, Robin Black-Rubenstein, Deacon Dan Corbett, Lou Carnoali, Linda Daniels, Jason Dreyer, Susie Knetzer, Georgann Lautner, Jeff Litterst, Marisa Nieto, Clyde Nosser, and Bruce Thorley.

ABSENT: Maria Carrion, Jason Dreyer, Lacey Gelsinger, and Arthur Langston.

COMMON SESSION

Father Jeff opened the Common Session with prayer and read the Gospel for the Nativity of John the Baptist.

FATHER JEFF'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Father Mark Tracy:** Newly ordained Fr. Mark will preside at this Saturday's 4:15 Mass. A congratulations reception will follow in the main lobby.
- **Father Rob Johnson:** Welcome weekend for Father Rob, our new parochial vicar, will be June 30/July 1 with fellowship after Masses in the main lobby.
- **Robin B-R:** This is Robin's last week as Pastoral Associate at St. B. She is moving on to be the Director of Campus Ministry at SIU-E. We thank her for all she has done for our parish and community and look forward to working with her through her new position as well as in a volunteer status at St. B.
- **Clyde Nosser:** Clyde has agreed to take the position as Adult Faith Formation Coordinator with the assistance of the Pastoral Council.
- **STB Parish School Enrollment:** Principle Laura Kretzer reported things are looking good for 2018-19 school year. Enrollment is at 219 for K-8. We could use more preschoolers, though.
- **RCIA/RCIC:** Susie (and David) Knetzer and Georgann Lautner have agreed to be coordinators of this program.
- **STB Parish School Employment Opportunities:** Laura reported that we are currently interviewing candidates for a full-time preschool teacher, and are looking for a part-time science teacher for grades 2-8.
- **FMCHS:** Enrollment is up to 215, and they are hoping for 225 this coming year.
- **Twin Oaks Parking Lot:** Almost finished. Ameren is scheduled to hook up the lights around July 9th. Signage will be put up prohibiting skateboards, rollerblades, and bicycles on the new parking lot and new stairs leading up to the church.
- **Summer Projects:**
 - Parish School Lower Level: Kindergarten is moving across the hall. Band and music will move into the old kindergarten room. Boiler Room is being cleaned out and will be used as the Robotics Lab.
 - Third floor: Years of accumulated stuff is being cleaned out of this area which will be used as storage, temporary library, and the Blue Jays' Nest where seventh and eighth graders can earn points to use this space as a monitored study area/lounge.
 - The playground and back entrance project have been delayed.
- **Masonry Work and Water Sealant:** As renovations were being done on these rooms, water damage was found which needs to be addressed before the opening of the school year. Therefore, Precision Performance is back to seal the brick on the school. The rest of these renovations are being done in-house by Michael, Bill, and crew.

FATHER JEFF’S ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

- **Bishop Paprocki Pastoral Visit:** September 9th at the 10:15 Mass and the 12:15 Mass. He will meet that afternoon (TBD) with this group of Parish representatives.
- **STB Golf Outing:** Sunday, August 26th with Mass at 7AM (perhaps with Fr. Rob).
- **New Order of Sacraments:** The plan is to spend a year of catechesis before implementing the new order in 2019-20 school year. Second-graders will receive their first reconciliation. Then in third grade they will receive Confirmation and First Communion. With this format, there is some concern that numbers in schools and PSR programs will drop in grades 4 through 8. How do we keep families connected after third grade?
- **Bonifest Report:** Net income is expected to be \$82K-\$83K.

Father reminded council/committee leaders to have their agendas in by the Thursday before the Common Session so people can prepare. Also, each group is to present 2 takeaways from their meetings when we reconvene as a group at the end of the evening.

At this point we broke into our separate groups.



PASTORAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Father Jeff joined our group for a few minutes as we discussed new membership and some specific roles. He also wanted to talk about starting Perpetual Adoration as a part of the Jubilee Celebration with the hopes that it would continue on thereafter.

MEMBERSHIP

- The council welcomed Lou Carnoali to its ranks.
- The council elected Clyde Nosser as Chairman of the Pastoral Council.
- Georgann was confirmed (again) as Council Secretary.
- It was assumed that Robin would be leaving Pastoral Council. Later, however, there was some discussion as to whether or not she could remain. We all want her to stay because of so many good reasons. She and Clyde will discuss this with Father.

Perpetual Adoration

Father said there has been an increased interest in beginning Perpetual Adoration here. Someone has also expressed a willingness to pay for the necessary renovations to make that happen. Father suggested the niche just inside the bell tower doors. We would also open up that wall to make it visible to the chapel yet have an option to cover it up during Masses. The bell tower door would have a keycard access for after-hours accessibility. A wall would be constructed just past the bathroom with a door to the chapel area. The door to the chapel would be locked at night. Scheduling would be on-line much like our ministry scheduler. However, it will need someone to oversee and make sure the schedule is filled 24/7 except possibly for major holidays. Father said there is a lot of support spiritually and financially for this. Father wanted to present this to other committees, too. The Liturgical Committee brought this as a takeaway at closing common session.

DEFINING ROLES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Robin prepared a detailed list of various faith formation and outreach programs that she has been developing and overseeing these past few years that will now need new people to continue on. A copy of her list is on file with these minutes in the Parish Office as well as with this secretary. Briefly, this is a list of the programs and those who will be leading them:

- **Adult Faith Formation**
 - RCIA/RCIC: Susie (& Dave) Knetzer and Georgann Lautner
 - Evening, weekend, daytime small Groups: Clyde Nosser
 - Last Supper Club videos/monthly topics: Clyde Nosser
 - Catechetical Credits: Clyde Nosser
 - Contact with Diocese Office of Catechesis of AFF opportunities open to all: Clyde Nosser
 - Parish Grant: Benna Denué who will share information with Clyde Nosser
 - Organize Lenten Study for the parish: Clyde Nosser
 - Martha & Mary: Theresa Lavelle
 - Parish Mission: Pastoral Council
 - Communication with Stewardship and parish office about AFF programming: Clyde Nosser

- **Outreach**
 - Free Lunch Friday: Lou Carnoali, Cay Hartnagel, and team
 - SAK: Diane Jacober for 2018
 - Ministry to Homebound and Care Facilities: Father Rob oversee (?)
 - Holy Communion: Tom and Sandy Ohren
 - Edwardsville Nursing and Rehab: Deloris Smith, Lil Rimkus, (maybe) Gary Ladd.
 - Cedar Hurst and Ruth's House Memory Care: Father Rob or Clyde (?)
 - Christmas Visits to the Homebound: Fr. Jeff, Deacon Dan, Tom Ohren
*Deacon Dan would like some more discussion on visits to the homebound with Tom, Clyde, and Father Jeff

- **Parishioner Help**
 - FORMED: Cindy Zurliene gets regular emails for Joan Kane for the bulletin, but this may be a communications duty.
 - Library of Free Resources: Shelf will be in the Bona Lounge
 - Grief Support: Kaye Grezlak, Diane Johnson, Mary Winkler
 - Grief Counseling: Robin would like to continue this ministry
 - Funeral/Bereavement: Linda Daniels with assistance from Kaye Grezlak
 - Spiritual Direction: Robin would also like to continue in this ministry
 - Koinonia: Scheduled for the last weekend in February 2019. Clyde and Melinda will co-chair with Robin and Alan for the 2018-19 STBK5 team. STBK6 team and RCIA will be led by Dave and Susie Knetzer with Clyde and Melinda Nosser. There were questions about whether RCIA/RCIC participants would have to pay for Koinonia/confirmation retreat if we are making attendance mandatory. Deacon suggested that a budget adjustment be requested to include the cost in the RCIA budget. As far as the Confirmation Retreat, we need to talk to Jen Hoefflerlin and see what she is planning for the confirmation class.

PASTORAL COUNCIL BUSINESS (continued)

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME OF NEW PARISHIONERS

We didn't have much time to discuss this but Robin stressed its importance. She said that when we invited our new parishioners a couple of times a year to a welcome dinner we may have not gotten a very good turnout, but those who did attend were the ones to become the most active in parish life. It was mentioned that Kathy Hankins is interested in helping in this aspect. I suggested we get her on this council. Clyde said, "We're working on that."

PARISH MISSION

Robin gave us a copy of the email from Patrick Keyes, CSSR with the Redemptorist Missionary confirming the dates of our parish mission to be held January 19-23, 2019. She also gave us a sample guideline that was used for our last mission to give us a good timeline for getting things organized. The Redemptorist also provided a preparation booklet. Georgann took over the Mission folder from Robin. We will need to start planning this event at our next meeting. *(Sidebar: Keep in mind, extra meetings beyond our regular council meetings will be needed to get this event planned on time.)*

Clyde also mentioned that Connie Frick's Breakfast Ministry needs to be added to the list of Outreach programs.

OTHER

Father Mark Tracy Reception: Saturday, June 23rd, after the 4:15 Mass.

Father Rob Johnson Welcome Reception: after all Masses June 30/July 1st.

We talked quickly about who would be working on these receptions. Benna will be ordering the food. Bill and Michael will set up the tables. I talked to Benna after our meeting to discuss food and some of the other logistics. So far, this is the schedule:

Fr. Mark Tracy: Saturday, June 23rd—Linda, Bruce, Deacon Dan, Joan Green, Georgann

Fr. Rob Johnson: June 30/July 1st

4:15—Georgann, Linda, Joan Green

8:15—Clyde and Melinda

10:15—at the time of this meeting no one had volunteered, but Cindy and Vern Zurliene did later

12:15—Marisa. She will get some others from the Spanish community to help

5:15—Georgann, Susie and David

I will meet with Benna to get the final plans and will let everyone else know in the next few days.

We decided on our two takeaways and rejoined the Common Session.

COMMON SESSION—WRAP TAKEAWAYS

PASTORAL COUNCIL—Clyde Nossner

- We discussed and made some resolutions on leadership for most of the Adult Faith Formation and Outreach programs that Robin B-R has developed and taken care of these past few years.
- We need help at the welcome receptions after Masses for the next two weekends. If anyone is interested in helping email Georgann or contact the Benna.

SCHOOL BOARD—Laura Kretzer

- They discussed safety issues in the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up. They have a couple of plans on how to make those processes safer.
- They discussed the preschool numbers and are considering a full day of preschool to increase interest in the program.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL—Cindy Clark

- Kick-off for this year's Stewardship series will be October 6/7th.
- This year's theme: A Call to Holiness.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE—Alan Ratkewicz

- The Corpus Christi Procession from the church to the City Park went very well. There was good participation and help from the City with traffic control. It was a good witness to our faith.
- They presented the plan to start Perpetual Adoration in conjunction with the Jubilee celebration. They explained some of the logistics (see page 2 of these minutes).

SPANISH COMMUNITY—Marisa Nieto

- The Diocesan Hispanic Conference will be held October 7th. Our Spanish musicians are in charge of the music for the event.
- They discussed their participation in the Conference.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE—Mark Luchtefeld

- The September 29th kick-off event is being planned and sounds like it will be really nice and fun.
- They are going to work on getting more money through sponsorship on the raffle calendars.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—Sarah

- Sarah (Parish) and Lisa Rolves (FMCHS) are working on coordinating the dissemination of information via social media.
- They are looking to create a pool of Facebook Ambassadors who will receive information and keep that information moving by sharing and inviting others to share.

We had originally planned to skip the July session, but with so much going on and with trying to get used to this new meeting format, Father suggested we meet again in July.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 17th at 6:30PM.

Father closed our meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving for our Parish, for Robin, for rain, and for the safety of our kids and families during this summer break and for us as we carry on the mission.

Respectfully submitted by
Georgann Lautner

ST. BONIFACE PRAY FOR US!!