

ST. BONIFACE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 29, 2016

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Father Joe. Father added that we are now in Advent and spoke of a homily given by St. Bernard of Clairveaux that there are three comings of Christ. The first coming is when Jesus was born; the second coming is that He is always with us in the Eucharist and the third coming will be when He returns at the end of the world. The readings for the first part of Advent stress His coming at the end of the world. Father also added that, in the past, Advent was considered a time of penance and the faithful were required to fast three days a week.

Roll call was taken. Members Present: Father Joe, Tim Cable, Kathie Fahey, Mary Jeanne Feldkamp, Karen Gillespie, Ken Price, Joseph Ruter, Rick Salerno, Jessica Shepard, Doug Weiss, Henry Wessler, Rosemary Welz. Dr. Herb Lloyd was also present.

The minutes of the September 20 meeting were approved as published.

Dr. Lloyd reported that it was necessary for him to move his drug abuse prevention program to another location since he was informed by the Archdiocese that all the adults involved in the program were required to participate in the Virtus Child Protection Program. Dr. Lloyd again thanked Council for their support of the program and left the meeting.

Father Joe and Council members reported on the following:

Ministries:

- Mary Jeanne Feldkamp reported that she hopes to expand the Health and Wellness Ministry. She is looking for medical personnel and anyone else who would be interested in serving on the committee. The committee meets every 2-3 months and has a holistic ministry—physical, mental and spiritual. Committee minutes will be included in the bulletin along with inserts concerning health and wellness issues.

Parish School:

- Father Joe reported that there are approximately 185 students in St. Boniface School in Grades K-8 plus 18 preschool students.

Liturgy:

- Thursday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast is always observed no matter which day of the week it falls on. Since Holy Day Masses are at 7:00 p.m. on the eve, 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the feast day and 9:00 on the feast day if it's a school day, Father Joe is considering eliminating the noon Mass because the attendance has been small.
- Christmas is on Sunday this year. There will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day to keep with the usual Sunday schedule.
- Father Pat McCloskey and Father Jim Bramlage have been a great help in assisting with Masses.
- Bishop Binzer will be assisting with confessions at the Penance Service on December 14 and will be assisting with Masses when Father Joe is on vacation
- The Bible Study group is discussing the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Church Maintenance:

- Tim Cable reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met in August and will meet again after the holidays.
- Tony Michel is working on getting someone to do the tuck pointing on the front of the church.
- The window that was shot out in the bell tower has been repaired.
- Both parking lots have been resurfaced.
- Ken Price inquired if all the emergency lights in the church were now functioning. Rick Salerno will check on this.

Financial:

- Since Jenni Lindgren was not present, Father Joe distributed a financial report for October. The parish is currently in the black.
- The Thanksgiving Homecoming Festival did not do as well as last year, but it looks like we will clear approximately \$13,500.
- The parish has reached 50% of the goal of our two-year \$25,000 pledge to CAIN.

Pastoral:

- Our October count averaged 407 people attending weekend Mass, which is up a bit from last year. The Masses averaged: 4:00 p.m. – 136; 8:00 a.m. – 72; 10:00 A.M. – 102; 12:00 Noon – 96.
- The Catholic Ministries Appeal will be held in February. Father Joe and Rick Salerno will be attending a kick-off meeting on December 1. They are looking for volunteers to speak at each weekend Mass regarding the CMA.
- In the next few weeks, Jenni will be sending out a schedule of Christmas liturgies and a list of upcoming events.

Council Positions:

Rick Salerno will serve as Council Chairperson and Kathie Fahey will serve as Vice Chairperson for the 2016-2017 term.

Finance Committee:

Rick Salerno reported that Peg Reed, Mike Nolan and he serve on the Parish Finance Committee which meets every other month. They are proceeding with plans for the additional parking lot which will be financed by our return from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign. Drawings have been submitted to the city and several construction bids have been received. A larger drainage basin will have to be installed. Construction is planned for the spring of 2018. After discussion, Tim Cable moved and Kathie Fahey seconded that the committee proceed with the plans for the parking lot. The motion was unanimously approved.

Miscellaneous:

- Ken Price remarked that someone told him that the green plants in the sanctuary look like a jungle. Ken added that they also draw gnats and suggested they be removed.
- Mary Jeanne Feldkamp added that there are too many things being stored behind the high altar and are becoming visible in church detracting from the sanctity of the area.

Old Business:

Chili Cook-Off – The Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday, January 28, in the school cafeteria after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Soup will also be served for those who do not wish to eat chili. Beer will be available for purchase at the dinner,

The next meeting will be January 24. The meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m. with prayer by Father Joe.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Welz, Secretary