

The St. Bridget and St. Gabriel Pastoral Council met at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 5, 2016, in the St. Anthony Center at St. Bridget.

**Present:** Sue Barth, Doug Biehl, Mark Boehmer, Father Dustin, Joe Finch, Al Gardner, Travis Harvey, Elizabeth Hauger, William Hertel, Larry Hinkle, Jane Jolliff, Steve Kiefer, Susan Kiefer, Carolyn Nutty, Joe Pflum, Charlene Phillips, Pam Rader, Barbara Terkoski, Steve Wessler

**Absent:** Denise Dubois, Melissa Knock, Josh Marszalek, Paul Nobbe, Kevin Poe

**Guests:** None

Larry H. welcomed everyone and invited all to move to the church for next Sunday's readings and prayer/reflection. Thanks to Sue B., Steve K., Carolyn N., and Barb T. for doing the Bible readings.

A group picture of council members was taken for the pictorial directory. The meeting resumed back in the St. Anthony Center with a check-in icebreaker activity in which all were invited to share where each had seen the Lord during the week.

### **Minutes from March 3, 2016 Meeting;**

Mark B. moved and Susan K. seconded that the minutes from the meeting on March 3 be approved. Minutes were approved as published.

### **Distributed Reports:**

Prior to the meeting all members had been provided with written reports from St. Gabriel Finance, St. Bridget Finance, Friends of St. Bridget, St. Gabriel School, St. Gabriel Property and Facilities, St. Gabriel Faith Formation, St. Bridget Faith Formation, St. Gabriel Liturgy (including Mass attendance), and St. Bridget Liturgy. In addition, all members had been provided with written reports from the following sub-committees: St. Gabriel Long-Term Facilities, St. Bridget Deferred Maintenance, Communication, and Vision/Mission Statement. Written reports are included in the secretary's binder. Additional comments and clarifications include the following:

1. Pam R. reported the budget had been decreased due to the changes in Mass times.
2. Both parishes will continue to budget conservatively with a goal of non-dependence on fund-raisers.
3. No items or amounts pertaining to deferred maintenance are included in the budget.
4. Friends of St. Bridget will soon elect officers.
5. St. Gabriel has signed a contract to finish the HVAC work.
6. St. Bridget is securing estimates for the gym floor in the St. Anthony Center.
7. Carolyn N. will provide a Mass attendance report from St. Bridget.

### **St. Gabriel Fall Festival:**

Father reported that Shantel Cartwright is having planning meetings at the Knights of Columbus.

**St. Bridget Oktoberfest:**

The date is September 17. Steve W. reported the planning has begun. The band is available.

Parishioners from both parishes are welcome to join the planning committees for both events.

**Other Items for Consideration:**

Father reported that Sharon Cranfill, director of the House of Ruth, has made a presentation and request to utilize the St. Gabriel Convent (former Hope Center) as a residence for women in the drug rehabilitation program. A sub-committee chaired by Dr. Brad Dubois has been formed to visit the House of Ruth and examine the opportunities, concerns and questions. Father stated that it will take 6-12 months to study the issue. Of primary consideration is the school and the desire to see it continue to thrive.

Barb T. reminded members that St. Gabriel serves the Community Meal on the fourth Sunday of the month. The sign-up sheet is in the parish office. Groups and organizations are encouraged to participate.

**Connected in the Spirit Update:**

Mark B. reported there is no new information. The council was reminded that reports are due to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission soon: Parish linkage implementation plan – June 15, 2016; Strategy to address deferred maintenance – July 1, 2016.

**St. Bridget/St. Gabriel Strategic Planning:**

*Update from Mass Schedule sub-committee:*

The voting at St. Bridget took place on the weekend of April 2-3.

Saturday 7:00 pm 30 votes  
Sunday 7:45 am 52 votes\*\*\*\*\*

The voting at St. Gabriel took place on the weekend of April 30-May 1.

Saturday 6:30 pm 321 votes\*\*\*\*\*  
Saturday 7:00 pm 76 votes

Effective the weekend of June 11-12 the Mass schedule will be as follows:

St. Bridget Sunday 7:45 am

St. Gabriel Saturday 6:30 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Members shared comments and concerns they have heard regarding the new schedule. Larry H. encouraged members to focus on the gain rather than the loss when conversing with parishioners. Father stated that the larger Mass at St. Bridget and the largest mass at St. Gabriel will each begin within 30 minutes of the current

start times. The Mass Schedule sub-committee will continue to meet and determine ways to seek and evaluate feedback from parishioners.

*Update from St. Gabriel Long-Term Facilities and St. Bridget Deferred Maintenance sub-committees:*

Doug B. reported that there are two areas of focus regarding the facilities. One is to maintain and improve the current facilities. The second is to begin an assessment and strategic planning process regarding the facilities for the future. There is a need to discern the focus of this sub-committee in order to best communicate and coordinate with Property and Facilities.

Steve W. reported that the gym floor in the St. Anthony Center is becoming an immediate priority.

Strategic Plans addressing Deferred Maintenance for both parishes are due to the Archdiocese by July 1.

*Update from Communication sub-committee:*

Mark B. reported that the St. Gabriel website is up and running. More information is forthcoming.

*Update from the Vision/Mission sub-committee:*

**TABLED:** Due to time constraints, the discussion/dialogue on this topic was deferred. Larry H. commended the sub-committee on the work completed on this task.

*Update on combining parish pastoral councils:*

Larry H. reported that since our last council meeting, Jane J. has been added to the PC Executive Committee representing St. Bridget. He also indicated that a revision of our current by-laws is underway. This will accommodate the combining of the groups from each parish. A first draft should be available for council review in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year.

**Closing:**

- Next Pastoral Council Meeting: July 7, 2016 @ 6:00pm; St. Gabriel meeting room
- Executive Committee Meeting (Father, Larry H., Mark B., Barb T., Jane J.): **TBD**

Father closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Thank you to St. Bridget Council Members for providing the wonderful refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Terkoski, Secretary

**Sub-Committee Roster**

PASTORAL COUNCIL					
Committee Log					
03/03/16					
COMMITTEE NAME/FUNCTION	Communications	Vision/Mission	Mass Schedule	Prop. & Fac. Plan	
DATE FORMED	1/7/2016	1/7/2016	3/3/2016	3/3/2016	
STATUS	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going	
(Pastoral Council member)	1 Boehmer, M.	1 Biehl, D.	1 Fr. Dustin	1 Barth, S.	
(Parish member)	2 Dubois, D.	2 Gardner, A.	2 Harvey, T.	2 Biehl, D.	
	3 Finch, J.	3 Jolliff, J.	3 Kiefer, Su.	3 Knock, M.	
	4 Hauger, E.	4 Kiefer, Su.	4 Terkoski, B.	4 Nobbe, P.	
	5 Marszalek, J.	5 Nobbe, P.	5 Wesseler, S.	5 Pflum, J.	
	6 Bischoff, J.	6	6	6 Rader, P.	
	7 Struewing, M.	7	7	7 Wesseler, S.	
	8	8	8	8 Nutty, D.	
	9	9	9	9 Thomas, B.	
	10	10	10	10	