

The St. Bridget and St. Gabriel Pastoral Council met at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 7, 2016, in the St. Gabriel School Multi-Purpose Room.

**Present:** Doug Biehl, Mark Boehmer, Denise Dubois, Father Dustin, Joe Finch, Al Gardner, Travis Harvey, Elizabeth Hauger, William Hertel, Larry Hinkle, Jane Jolliff, Susan Kiefer, Melissa Knock, Josh Marszalek, Paul Nobbe, Carolyn Nutty, Charlene Phillips, Kevin Poe, Pam Rader, Barbara Terkoski, Steve Wessler

**Absent:** Sue Barth, Steve Kiefer, Joe Pflum

**Guests:** None

Larry H. welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. Father read the Annunciation story from the Gospel of Luke and offered some reflections about how Mary was troubled by the words (*mission*) of the Archangel Gabriel. In our work as a council it is ok to be troubled because what God asks us to do is not always easy. Mary just said yes to God and serves as our role model.

**Minutes from May 5, 2016 Meeting:**

Pam R. clarified that the St. Bridget Oktoberfest is September 17. The St. Gabriel Fall Festival is September 24. Susan K. moved and Mark B. seconded that the minutes be approved. Minutes were approved as published.

**Distributed Reports:**

Prior to the meeting all members had been provided with written reports from the Finance Councils, Friends of St. Bridget, School Commission, Property and Facilities Committees, Faith Formation Committees, Liturgy Committees, and Attendance/Parish Membership. There was also an update from both parishes regarding long-term facilities planning and deferred maintenance. Written reports are included in the secretary's binder. Additional comments and clarifications include the following:

1. The St. Bridget Finance Council approved \$43,200 to replace the gym floor in the St. Anthony Center.
2. The St. Bridget and St. Gabriel Property and Facilities/Deferred Maintenance Subcommittee and the Pastoral Council Executive Committee will meet with Chip Williamson from Chameleon Architecture next week.
3. Larry H. reported that the Annual Parish Linkage Plan was submitted as required to the Archdiocese on June 15. This will serve as a working plan for the pastoral council.
4. The deferred maintenance report for both parishes was submitted as required to the Archdiocese on July 1.
5. The request from the House of Ruth is under study, discernment, and prayer.
6. The St. Gabriel website looks great and is adding more information.

**Vision/Mission:**

The remainder of the meeting was spent in reflection and dialogue to form vision and mission statements for the linked parishes of St. Bridget and St. Gabriel. Larry H. had prepared an excellent presentation to educate and guide the council in this task. Many creative and substantive ideas for our vision and mission were generated as well as suggestions for wording them. This process will continue within the parish council, the executive committee, and eventually the entire parish community.

Recommended Vision & Mission Statements

**VISION for the linked Parishes of St. Bridget/St. Gabriel**

To be a communion of disciples on a journey of growing faith to become the brightest beacon of hope in our counties.

**MISSION for the linked Parishes of St. Bridget/St. Gabriel**

Our mission is to enrich, evangelize, and lead ... and have the time of your life doing it!

**Closing:**

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2016 @ 6:00 pm; St. Bridget (St. Anthony Center)

Executive Committee Meeting (Father, Larry H., Mark B., Barb T., Jane J.): Wednesday, August 17, 2016 @ **5:30** 6:30pm; St. Gabriel Parish Meeting Room

Father closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Thank you to Father Dustin for providing great refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Terkoski, Secretary