

The St. Bridget and St. Gabriel Pastoral Council met at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 1, 2016, in the St. Gabriel School Multi-Purpose Room.

Present: Sue Barth, Doug Biehl, Mark Boehmer, Denise Dubois, Father Dustin, Joe Finch, Al Gardner, Travis Harvey, Elizabeth Hauger, William Hertel, Larry Hinkle, Jane Jolliff, Melissa Knock, Josh Marszalek, Paul Nobbe, Joe Pflum, Pam Rader, Barbara Terkoski, Steve Wesseler

Absent: Steve Kiefer, Susan Kiefer, Carolyn Nutty, Charlene Phillips, Kevin Poe

Guests: None

Larry H. welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. The readings from the next Sunday were presented, followed by reflection and discussion.

Minutes from July 7, 2016 Meeting:

Steve W. moved and Paul N. 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, St. Gabriel Property and Facilities, St. Gabriel Faith Formation, Liturgy, St. Gabriel Deferred Maintenance/Long Term Planning, and Attendance/Parish Membership. Written reports are included in the secretary's binder. Additional comments and clarifications include the following:

1. Pam R. reported both parishes ended the fiscal year in the black.
2. Elizabeth H. reported the School Commission had met the previous evening. There are 139 students enrolled.
3. The Liturgy Committees now meet jointly per the recommendation of **Connected in the Spirit**. Fran Chomel and Charlene Phillips will serve as co-chairs. Kelly Finch will serve as secretary. The Liturgy Committee is working on bylaws, goals, and objectives.
4. Josh M. distributed a report from the Communications Sub-committee.

Connected in the Spirit:

Larry H. reported on the communication received from the Archdiocese that included positive feedback and further action steps. We must report our vision and mission statement proposals by September 15, 2016.

Other Business Items:

1. Larry asked for clarification of the Christmas in July and the December Giving Tree programs. The toys collected in July are labeled by age and boy/girl. The names of the families assisted in December are provided to the church by the Division of Family and Children. The July gifts are distributed to those families.
2. Barb T. mentioned that a parishioner noticed ushers talking together prior to Mass at St. Gabriel, rather than greeting people entering church.
3. Pam R. reported that the pictorial directories are in and being distributed. She requested assistance with distribution at the noon Mass this weekend.
4. There has been little to no feedback regarding the new Mass schedule. The Mass Schedule Sub-committee is to brainstorm ideas for evaluating the effectiveness of the new schedule.
5. Father reported that the House of Ruth has withdrawn its request to utilize the Hope Center. The Board of Directors for the House of Ruth does not wish to be a cause of division within the parish nor does it wish to expose its residents to volatility when they are in need of a safe and calm environment. Father is a new

board member of the House of Ruth. The School Commission and the Sons & Daughters of St. Gabriel are becoming involved with activities to support the residents. The House of Ruth Fundraiser Dinner is on October 29, 2016 at Elmhurst. St. Gabriel will purchase a table.

St. Bridget/St. Gabriel Strategic Planning:

Doug B. gave a presentation based on a meeting held on July 12, 2016 of the Deferred Maintenance/Long Term Planning Sub-committee with Chip Williamson of Chameleon Architecture. Chip's expertise is working with Catholic parishes on strategic planning. Chip is a Catholic parishioner himself. Doug B. and the sub-committee believe that Chip and his company would be an excellent resource to help our parishes plan for the future. If retained, his fee would be \$29,000-\$35,000, with St. Gabriel's portion to be 93% and St. Bridget's 7% in proportion to parish membership. Father has observed that St. Bridget operates in a survival mode while St. Gabriel operates in a maintenance mode. Both parishes should be operating in a thriving mode. Father and the sub-committee believe that Chip could help us move in that direction. Paul N. made a motion to move ahead with the proposal from Chameleon Architecture, pending approval from both Finance Councils. Elizabeth H. seconded. Of the (15) voting members present, the motion was carried (14 yea/1 nay). Larry H. challenged the Finance Councils to determine how to fund the consultation fee. Doug B. will follow up with Chip on several questions posed by the Council. Any additional questions from the pastoral council for Chip should be referred to Doug B.

Development of Vision/Mission for Linked Parishes:

Larry H. reminded us that our vision and mission statement proposals are due to the Archdiocese by September 15. Father reported that the Liturgy Committee supports the proposals but further explanation is recommended. The Communications Sub-committee is to plan how to publicize the revised vision and mission statements to the parish and send its recommendations to the executive committee.

Development of Property and Facilities Strategic Plan:

This discussion was tabled.

Linkage Plan Review:

The linkage plan will become an important working document for the pastoral council. Larry H. strongly encouraged the council to spend time with this document especially beginning with page 17.

Closing:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2016 @ 6:00 pm; St. Bridget (St. Anthony Center)

Executive Committee Meeting (Father, Larry H., Mark B., Barb T., Jane J.): Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ Noon; St. Gabriel Parish Meeting Room

Mark B. moved to adjourn the meeting. Jane J. seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Larry closed in prayer. Thank you to the executive committee for providing refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Terkoski, Secretary

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 09-01-2016

Pastoral Council		Rev.: Sept. 1, 2016														
Attendance Roster																
GENERAL MEETINGS		09/03/15	11/05/15	01/07/16	03/03/16	05/05/16	07/07/16	09/01/16	11/03/16	01/05/17	03/02/17	05/04/17	07/06/17	09/07/17	11/02/17	Absences
1	Sue Barth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓								1
2	Doug Biehl	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								1
3	Mark Boehmer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
4	Denise Dubois	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓								1
5	Fr. Dustin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
6	Joe Finch	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
7	Al Gardner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
8	Travis Harvey	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
9	Elizabeth Hauger	Non-member	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓								1
10	William Hertel	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
11	Larry Hinkle	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								1
12	Jane Jolliff	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
13	Steve Kiefer	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A	A								4
14	Susan Kiefer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A								1
15	Melissa Knock	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	A	✓	✓								1
16	Josh Marszalek	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓								1
17	Paul Nobbe	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓								1
18	Carolyn Nutty	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	A								1
19	Joe Pflum	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓								2
20	Charlene Phillips	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	A	✓	✓	A								2
21	Kevin Poe	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	A	✓	A								2
22	Pam Rader	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
23	Barbara Terkoski	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
24	Steve Wesseler	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓								0
25	Melissa Wiwi	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	NR	NR	NR	NR								0
26	TBD	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member								0