

The St. Bridget and St. Gabriel Pastoral Council met at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 6, 2017, in the St. Anthony Center at St. Bridget.

Present: Father Dustin, Joe Finch, Elizabeth Hauger, William Hertel, Larry Hinkle, Susan Kiefer, Josh Marszalek, Paul Nobbe, Pam Rader, Barbara Terkoski, Steve Wesseler

Absent: Sue Barth, Doug Biehl, Denise Dubois, Al Gardner, Travis Harvey, Steve Kiefer, Melissa Knock, Carolyn Nutty, Joe Pflum

Guest: JJ Huber

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

Minutes from May 4, 2017 Meeting:

Susan K. 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, School Commission, St. Gabriel Property and Facilities, St. Bridget Property and Facilities, Attendance/Parish Membership, and The Beacon of Hope "Light it Up!" Collaboration Team. Written reports are included in the secretary's binder. Additional comments and clarifications include the following:

1. The grant application submitted by St. Bridget to the archdiocese to replace the church roof was approved in the amount of \$30,000. With the grant and current savings St. Bridget has approximately \$55,000. The total cost of the roof is anticipated to be approximately \$70,000. Therefore approximately \$15,000 needs to be raised.
2. Father asked that St. Bridget parishioners be reminded that there are different envelopes in the monthly packets. Some are designated for the Sunday offering and some for the roof fund. It is important to match the correct envelope with the purpose of the enclosed cash/check so the money is appropriated correctly.
3. The school has filled all its teacher openings.
4. We need to find a way to obtain an accurate Mass count at St. Bridget each week.
5. Pam R. distributed the budgets for both parishes that were approved by the finance councils. On the St. Gabriel budget, the COLLECTION YEAR TO DATE should be corrected to 6/30/2017 (52)
6. Steve W. reported that the Friends of St. Bridget had a successful community auction and are beginning to plan for Oktoberfest to be held on September 16, 2017. They have received the license from the state gaming commission. They received a note of appreciation from the Union County 4-H for the spaghetti dinner the Friends hosted in the spring.

Other Business Items:

Larry H. reported that the comments/statements from the dialogue activity at the May meeting have been typed and the executive committee has done some preliminary analysis of the statements. He will distribute copies to council members with instructions to categorize the statements as strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, or threats. This is called a SWOT analysis. These results will eventually merge with the outcomes of The Beacon of Hope process in our strategic planning for both parishes.

Regarding the budget, Father reported that the line item for Sunday collections had been lowered for both parishes to reflect actual giving over the last budget year. Overall giving is down. We need to continue to study why this is the case and explore ways to reach out to those who are not giving financially.

Subject to approval by the finance council, the money generated by this year's parish auction will be placed into an account called GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH CHRIST FUND. Father and Pam R. distributed a draft of an application. Send any comments to Pam R. The purpose of this fund is to encourage and support parishioners who have ideas for outreach in the community. This is a follow-up to the town hall meetings in an effort to capture the enthusiasm of parishioners who proposed many different ideas for outreach.

Father reported some changes in staffing. Denise Dubois will serve as part-time youth minister and Jeanette Bischoff will serve in a new part-time position as administrator of religious education. Neither will be required to attend pastoral council meetings but will submit reports prior to council meetings.

New officers for pastoral council will be elected at the September meeting.

William H. reported that the Vacation Bible School hosted by St. Bridget and four other Union County churches was a huge success. The final activity was a family movie night held outdoors that was very well-attended. There will be another movie night on July 14.

Connected in the Spirit:

Larry H. reported positive feedback from the archdiocese regarding the report submitted in May. In general, the list of commendations exceeded the suggestions for improvement. These reports from the parishes will be used to brief our new archbishop.

The Beacon of Hope "Light it Up!" Parish Renewal Plan:

Father and Josh M. reported that the town hall meeting with Chip Williamson on Monday evening, July 10, will recap the six previous town hall meetings and the two surveys which comprised the large parish input phase of our parish renewal. The next phase of our parish renewal will be the development of our five-year plan for both parishes. The next meeting with Chip and the collaboration team will be August 5.

Dialogue Activity:

To continue the discussion begun at the May meeting, Larry H. asked for more feedback. As we move into our five-year plan, what current parish committees are essential? Have any served their purpose and are no longer needed? Is it possible to develop self-directed work teams? What kind of structure do we need to keep all committees connected? Father emphasized this critical question to be asked: What is necessary and what is unnecessary in terms of committees? How do we continue to discuss this? Pam R. mentioned that the Knights of Columbus and its Auxiliary as well as the Daughters of Isabella have some similar features seen in the Friends of St. Bridget. Maybe the Friends are like the Knights and Auxiliary and Daughters but without formal rules. As discussed last time, the Friends are unique and developed from a need. We cannot duplicate the Friends here at St. Gabriel, but we can study what makes them click and what we can learn from them.

Parish Linkage Implementation Plan Review:

This is ongoing. We are reminded to make the parish goals and objectives a working document.

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Closing:

Larry H. reminded members that he will send the dialogue statements to us to conduct a SWOT analysis.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017 @ 6:00 pm, St. Gabriel

Next Executive Committee meeting (Father, Larry H., Barb T., William H.): Tuesday, August 17, 2017 @ Noon, St. Gabriel Parish Meeting Room

Father closed in prayer, specifically mentioning families of council members and parishioners. We continue to remember Al Gardner. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Thank you to William H., Steve W., and Joe F. for the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Terkoski, Secretary

Pastoral Council		06/30/17														
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	03/09/17	05/04/17	07/06/17	09/07/17	11/02/17	Absences
1 Sue	Barth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A			3
2 Doug	Biehl	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A			2
3 Denise	Dubois	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A			3
4 Fr.	Dustin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			0
5 Joe	Finch	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓			1
6 Al	Gardner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	M	M	M			3
7 Travis	Harvey	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A			2
8 Elizabeth	Hauger	Non-member	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓			3
9 William	Hertel	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			0
10 Larry	Hinkle	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1
11 Steve	Kiefer	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A			6
12 Susan	Kiefer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1
13 Melissa	Knock	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	A			4
14 Josh	Marszalek	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1
15 Paul	Nobbe	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1
16 Carolyn	Nutty	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A			2
17 Joe	Pflum	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A			4
18 Pam	Rader	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			0
19 Barbara	Terkoski	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			0
20 Steve	Wessler	Non-member	Non-member	Non-member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			0