

St. Bridget Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes – August 17, 2011

The St. Bridget Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was called to order by Chairman Mark Sweeney on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Mike Kozak opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Msgr Carr, Mark Sweeney, Charlene Bechely, Ellen Gilliam, Augie Keller, Mike Kozak, Elizabeth Martin, Jim Melvin, Maria Morrison, Paula Murphy, Paul Sinclair, Marie Swider, and Turtle Zaun.

July minutes were approved.

Mass Schedule:

PPC members reported feedback that has been received about keeping of the summer schedule. Main concern is the overflow at the 11:00 Mass.

Real Presence Initiative and Mass Text:

Don Delaney presented an overview of the Liturgical Committee's commitment to the Real Presence Initiative

Don encouraged PPC members to attend the September 10 workshop as well as to encourage parishioners to attend. For parishioners that would not be able to attend on September 10, ideas for using Skype video and placing videos of the workshop on the church website were discussed

Presentations on Roman Missal changes will be given on the first 3 Monday evenings in October. These will be a repeat on the following Tuesday mornings.

Cue cards are being prepared, which will be placed in pews for assistance during Mass.

Don informed PPC that there are currently 200 Liturgical Ministers and 75-80 are still needed. The Liturgical Committee needs 3-4 additional members. Recommendations for members are to be given to Msgr. Carr who will forward names to Don.

Paul Turner's book, "Understanding the Revised Mass Texts", is not available to all parishioners. PPC is encouraged to recommend the following websites: LTP.org and RevisedRomanMissal.org.

Review of 2010-2011 And Budget for 2010-2011:

Pilar Moore, St. Bridget's Financial Administrator, provided an Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the year, 2010-2011. She also provided an Analysis – Budget for year, 2011-2012.

PPC discussed the financial condition of the parish and found that St. Bridget closed the fiscal year on budget.

Staff/Committee Member Attendance:

Mark Sweeney informed PPC that Ray Honeycutt, St. Bridget School Principal, Paul Amrhein, and Allen Bean are a few of the staff members that will report to PPC.

Pulse of Parish: (attached is revised liaison list)

School: Charlene Bechely passed out a letter from Ray Honeycutt, St. Bridget School principal, that outlined school enhancements, including changes to the physical and learning environments. She reported that enrollment is 452 students.

Youth Ministry: Msgr. Carr reported that a search is under way for a Youth Minister. Because of the lack of a Youth Minister, there are challenges for the Life Teen and Edge programs. Msgr. Carr is meeting with Anne-Marie Condlin, Andy Condlin, and Teresa Lee to discuss options to offer these programs.

Woman's Ministry: Elizabeth Martin reported that both the evening (meeting on Tuesdays) and day (meeting on Wednesdays) women's bible study will be the same, a study on Matthew.

Human Concerns: Augie Keller was appointed to be a liaison with the Human Concerns committee. He will join Joe Jowaisas in reporting back to PPC on this committee.

Fellowship/Hospitality:

Maria Morrison presented many opportunities for St. Bridget, including a play group for young mothers and their children, community breakfasts, Social Sundays, and movie nights. Maria will take the "Bull by the Horn" and see what response she gets from the parish.

Organ:

Msgr. Carr informed PPC that an engineer consultant was hired to look at the space for a new organ. A financial plan is being drawn up and a contract could be signed within the next 30-45 days.

A letter will be sent to parishioners to inform them of the organ project as well as to give them an opportunity to be part of this project.

Children's Nursery:

There are openings for 4 hired workers in the children's nursery. Workers must be at least 18 years old and be VIRTUS trained. Marie Swider will look into hiring opportunities from St. Bridget School After-School teachers as well as University of Richmond students.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 in the church commons.

Submitted by Ellen Gilliam

**St. Bridget Parish Pastoral Council
Committee/Ministry Liaisons
2011**

School:	Charlene Bechely
Finance Committee:	Mark Sweeney
Building Committee:	Turtle Zaun
Stewardship:	Jim Melvin
Communications:	Elizabeth Martin
Liturgy Committee:	Paul Sinclair
Youth Ministry:	Marie Swider
Music Ministry:	Ellen Gilliam
Men's Ministry:	Mike Kozak
Women's Ministry:	Elizabeth Martin
Human Concerns:	Joe Jowaisas/Augie Keller

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