

Saint Bridget Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 19, 2011

The Saint Bridget Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was called to order by Chairman Mark Sweeney on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Paul Sinclair led the opening prayer.

Present: Mark Sweeney (PPC Chairman), Charlene Bechely, Paul Sinclair, Augie Keller, Turtle Zaun, Joe Jowaisas, Elizabeth Martin, Ellen Gilliam, Marie Swider, Mike Kozak, Jim Melvin, Allen Bean (St. Bridget Music Minister)

The minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved.

Music Ministry

Allen Bean discussed (1) the changes in the Mass Text that the church will begin to learn during Advent with the biggest change being with the Gloria, (2) keeping the current hymnal, and (3) providing music folders for parishioners' use during Mass to assist with the changes.

Elizabeth Martin asked about providing the music to the words for the Sunday, 5:00 Mass.

Paul Sinclair Liturgy Committee Report – Transforming the Mass and Renewing our Devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ:

Paul Sinclair gave an update for the October 15, 2011 “Ministry Matters” workshop. There were approximately 60 attendees to learn the more formal requirements for serving in the spirit. The next “Ministry Matters” session will be held on February 18, 2012. For parishioners wanting to serve as a Liturgical Minister before February, there will be informational meetings.

The need for more Liturgical Ministers was discussed. The number of ministers should be about 10% of eligible members, about 400. Right now, we have 200 ministers. As we move into the season of Advent, the messaging and marketing of Liturgical Ministers is imperative. Ideas to raise awareness of this need included asking parishioners to serve as well as addressing the need at Masses.

Paul will bring to the attention of the Liturgical Committee the request to stagger Christmas Eve Masses to relieve the number of people attending these Masses.

Nursery Issues:

Marie Swider is looking for 10 teenaged volunteers to help the two hired nursery workers for the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.. They will receive either \$10 per Mass or service hours for the time they serve. There is also a sign-up for parents to volunteer.

Bishop's Appeal:

PPC agreed that there is fatigue in asking for donations. Ideas to keep the energy were (1) not having a 2nd collection during the appeal and (2) moving the speaker to the beginning of Mass instead of having them after the homily.

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Advocacy Sunday:

Mike Kozak will look into whether the Knights of Columbus or the Men's Ministry would help with the distribution of materials after Masses on the weekend of November 12-13th.

Pulse of the Parish:

- *School* – Charlene Bechley informed PPC that a Town Hall Meeting was conducted in October with about 50 in attendance. Ray Honeycutt led the meeting giving school updates as well as allowing for questions and answers.
- *Finance Committee* - Mark Sweeney gave a brief Finance Council update, informing PPC that the parish is running well.
- *Building Committee* – Turtle Zaun informed PPC that a 5 -Year Plan is in process with the reupholstering of the kneelers taking place in November. Other projects included creating a Lady Chapel, new flooring in the Rectory basement, and new bathrooms in MPH.
- *Youth Ministry* – Marie Swider informed PPC of the following: (1) 4 candidates being considered for Youth Minister are in their final interviews. (2) two parents are forming Edge meetings until a Youth Minister is hired. (3) There are 126 young people signed up for 2012 Catholic Heart Work Camp. (4) confirmation preparation is going well.
- *Men's Ministry* – Mike Kozak informed PPC that the Octoberfest will be held on November 6, 2011 at the Columbian Center.
- *Human Concerns* – Joe Jowaisas encouraged PPC members to attend the RISK meeting on October 2 at 2nd Presbyterian Church at 8:30pm. This meeting will be an organizational meeting for 4-5 churches to advocate for the poor needing medical attention.

Closing:

November's meeting will feature a presentation by Paul Amrhein.

The next PPC meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16 2011, in the Parish Center Meeting Room at 7pm.

Submitted by Ellen Gilliam