

St. Benedict Catholic Church

Pastoral Council – Agenda

June 14, 2011

7:00 p.m. OPENING PRAYER

Attendees: Mike Force, Deacon Lynn, Joe Gustafson, Mary Preston, Peggy Thies, Dee Klein, Jan Pizzi, Bill Champlain, Jeff Klimek, Doug Burrer

Missing: Doug Stepanek, Due to Doug having not been here in 3 plus months, per the bylaws, he is going to be contacted to notify him that his seat will be vacated and someone will be asked to step in. Doug was contacted and said that he needs to take care of family and health at this time. Doug said that he was going to step down for now.

Introduction of guests None Present

7:05 p.m. REPORTS

- I. Approval of minutes (10 min) - **Approved**
- II. Parishioners and guests to be heard (5 min) - **None**
- III. Report from Finance Council – Doug – **Look to the minutes for the finance council for the specifics. The budget was finalized and there is a \$14,000 deficit with the budget. There will be a subsidy letter sent to the Bishop again. We do not expect to receive the entire \$14,000 from the Diocese. The Diocese has changed the policy on Returning God’s Gifts. If our Parish does not meet 80% of the goal that was set by the Diocese we will get none of the Returning God’s Gifts money back. Previously if the goal was met we received 20% back.**
- IV. Review of reports from ministry liaisons (20 min)

Facilities (Joe); **Nothing to Report, Clean up by the Knight’s went well. New mulch was placed, overall cleanup. The Pastoral Council will send out a thank-you to the Knights. This letter will be put into the bulletin.**

Health/Security (Vacant);

K-of-C (Jeff); **nothing on the near horizon**

Liturgical (Mary); **Mary was unable to attend the meeting on the new missal.**

Outreach (Bill); **nothing to report**

Tithing Committee (Mary); **No report given**

Religious Education (Jan); **Vacation Bible School is on going**

Women’s Group (Dee); **No report, Theresa sent a finance statement for their account. They have a \$431.00 account right now. Dee stated that the right up in the bulletin advertising the Women’s Group was done very nice.**

Meeting Rules: Be on time, Come Prepared, Listen Generously, Acknowledge and Appreciate Other’s Opinions, Speak Honestly, Honor Commitments

Respect for Life (Peggy); **there is nothing new.**

7:40 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Change in Pastoral Council Membership – Members Rotating off – New members recruited?
There have been 3 applications sent in. One more may be forthcoming.
- II. Report from St. Benedict Development Steering Committee – Jeff
There is a joint meeting of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and DSC on June 21st scheduled.
- III. Jan Pizzi brought up Harriet’s earlier request of possibly closing the northwest door and having some adults watching the children in the hallway. Deacon spoke to Harriet this afternoon about this and it was discussed about possibly taking the Children in another room during the 1st reading and the bringing them back prior to the Prayers of the Faithful. During this time the Liturgy would be explained to the Children. This would give them a break. The tough thing would be to find someone to teach the children every Sunday. Deacon requested everyone to pray on this issue and if appropriate ask a family that has a crying child if they would like help. We will also look into Liturgy of the Word for Children option.

8:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Review of the Pastoral Council Statutes within the Diocesan format requirements
The Diocese is in the process of making each Parish It’s own corporate entity. This is being done to prevent the Diocese’s liability. The word “Pastor” will be changed with “Pastor/Parish Director” There were several items that minor revisions were made to. These will be turned in to the Diocese by the end of the week.

Deacon Lynn explained the St. Benedict Parish boundaries.
- II. Discussion of Planning Goal: SACRAMENTAL, DEVOTIONAL and PRAYER LIFE
Due to time constraints this was not discussed, but Mike suggested the Pastoral Council continues this process once he is done with the Pastoral Council in July.

OTHER (10 min) Mike Force was on vacation during most of June!

Directors Report – Deacon Lynn

No director’s report tonight. Mike thanked everyone for their service during his time on the council. Mike’s parting words were that we keep in mind that we are serving for the betterment of the Parish not our individual goals. Mary Preston also added her thanks and appreciation to everyone on the council and that she enjoyed working with everyone.. Deacon Lynn thanked both for a job well done.

9:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY July 12, 2011 7:00PM