

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
May 8, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Brian Lane, Kelly Thomas, Gogie Enstad, Teresa Vining, Paul Rezich and Lisa Wattenhofer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Rennell, Randi Roerick, Romeo Vivit, Jane Kading and Kelly Bickett

The opening prayer was inadvertently overlooked.

Gogie Enstad made a motion to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes and Paul Rezich seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

Nancy from the Cathedral and Jo Beth from St. Joseph provided a presentation on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They mentioned that the work of St. Vincent de Paul is in line with the Bishop's plan. They cover western South Dakota. There are three conferences - Spearfish, Piedmont and Rapid City. They raised and distributed \$99,000 to those in need. Volunteers carry out the work and Jo Beth reports back to the Society. The ultimate goal is to help move members out of poverty. The work of this Society is open to all faiths.

Nancy and Jo Beth would like to start a conference at Blessed Sacrament. They will carry out all of the work – they just need a commitment from us to provide space to meet two times a month and to allow them to extend an invitation to serve to our parish members as well as dedicate a fund to their cause. Gogie made a motion to support this commitment and Paul seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

Old Business:

1. Ministry and Committee reports
 - a. Youth Ministry Report – There was no report this month from Denise Maher.
 - b. Liturgy Committee Report – Attached as written and presented by Lisa Wattenhofer. Lisa was congratulated on a great job during the busy Easter season.
 - c. Pastoral Planning Team – Father Brian reported that this team is still meeting and actively working on a brochure for our parish.
 - d. Electronic Outreach Committee – Gogie did not have anything to report this month. She did indicate that Eric Helgeson, Luke Brown and she need to make some time to meet with the BS staff. Father Brian said the staff is anxious to hear from us. She will work with Eric and Luke to get a briefing scheduled.
2. Parish Picture Project – Father Brian reported work-in-progress.
3. Church Organ Project – Father Brian reported that the new organ will be installed this summer. The old organ will be sold for parts or stored somewhere and be parted out.

New Business:

1. Bishop's Letter – A review of chapters 4, 5 and 6 was tabled until a later meeting.
2. Use of the Church for Wedding Ceremonies – After some discussion, Paul made a motion to charge a \$350 fee for the use of our church for a wedding ceremony to be paid at the time of booking. If the ceremony is canceled prior to 30 days of the event, one-half of the \$350 fee will be refunded. If the ceremony is canceled within less than 30 days of the event, no refund will be made. Gogie seconded this motion which unanimously passed. Father Brian has the authority to use his discretion to modify these guidelines at any time.

3. New Pastoral Council Members – Discussion centered on recruiting new Council members for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. We will be asked at our June meeting to proceed with securing new Council member candidates.
4. Parish Administrator – Those present spent some time discussing the logistics of this position. Father Brian explained that this position will relieve him of administrative duties so he can carry out his Pastoral duties. He would like us to submit our feedback on the yellow form we received from him during our April meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:15 pm.

Father Brian offered the closing prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gogie Enstad, Pastoral Council Vice President