

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
January 8, 2018

Father Brian Lane	Father Adam Hofer	Michael Johnson, Parish Administrator
Mary Farrell, Religious Ed Dir & Safe Environment Coordinator		Lisa Wattenhofer, Dir of Liturgy & Music
Denise Maher, Dir of MS/HS Youth Formation		Gogie Enstad, President
Steve Rennell, Vice President	Randi Roerick, Secretary	Cindi Fisher
Leonard Hansen	Jane Kading	Jon Schaack
Howard Steiner	Kelly Thomas	Teresa Vining

Diocesan Mission: We, the Diocese of Rapid City, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are called to attract and form intentional disciples who joyfully, boldly and lovingly proclaim and live the mission of Jesus Christ, leading to eternal life.

Diocesan Pastoral Priorities: Reconciliation ~ Forming Disciples ~ Funding the Mission
Diocesan Core Values: Prayer ~ Stewardship ~ Solidarity ~ Mercy ~ Charity ~ Family

MEMBERS PRESENT: See bold above. A packet of meeting materials was mailed to those who were absent.

Prior to the meeting, several Council members visited the youth room as a follow up to youth representative Elizabeth Nesland's January report.

President Gogie Enstad called the meeting to order and reviewed the layout of the agenda – noting the list of Council members, Diocesan Mission and Diocesan Pastoral Priorities. She briefly summarized how the Council's work should tie back to this mission and these priorities. Father Brian suggested we also reference the Diocesan Core Values (included above).

Michael Johnson offered the opening prayer.

Council members introduced themselves. A youth representative was not present at this meeting.

Howard Steiner made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as presented and Kelly Thomas seconded his motion. The motion passed.

In Mary Farrell's absence, Denise presented the Youth Report and the Religious Education report. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

1. Steubenville is currently underway.
2. A teaching on the Mass will be held on Wednesday, January 17 for the confirmation group and Faith & Family.
3. An overnight confirmation retreat is planned on February 23 and 24.
4. A confirmation Mass with Bishop Gruss is scheduled for May 9th.
5. The Synergy high school teens went Christmas caroling on December 20th.
6. The Synergy group continues to grow, averaging 20-25 students each week. They raised \$700 during a recent caramel roll sale.
7. First reconciliation was held on December 2 for First Holy Communion candidates.
8. St. Nicks Beggars held their annual fundraiser on December 3rd to raise money for Christmas baskets. 65 families received Christmas baskets.

Next Lisa gave her Liturgy Committee Report. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

1. Christmas Mass attendance: 1,350 @ 4:00 pm Christmas Eve, 600 @ 7:00 pm Christmas Eve, 200 @ 10:00 pm Christmas Eve and 600 @ 9:00 am Christmas Day. Lisa asked for improvement ideas. Comments were shared on the modest quality of the video shown in the community room. We're limited by our equipment and the layout of the altar. The music at all Masses was highly praised.
2. 30 people attended the 7:00 am and 125 people attended the 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass which was not a holy day of obligation.
3. On February 2nd there will be a blessing of candles before the 7:00 am Mass. This is the Candlemas Day and the Presentation of the Lord.

Old Business:

1. Parish Leadership Seminar held on November 18, 2017 – Father Brian did not have anything further to add to the earlier discussion on the Diocesan Mission, Pastoral Priorities and Core Values. Gogie referenced the Priority Plan booklet that Lisa brought to the meeting for each Council member. Gogie recommended referring to this booklet and focusing on meeting the Pastoral Priorities and Core Values in our work. The review of chapters will be tabled at this time.
2. Pastoral Council Recruitment Committee – Jon Schaack explained his thoughts on the current Pastoral Council recruitment paperwork. He asked what the information is used for or if it was just for prayerful thought. Several Council members feel the paperwork is intimidating. Jon and Randi Roerick will lead the rewrite of the paperwork with using the priority plan. They'll shape it to be an information piece that can be used to recruit Pastoral Council candidates. They'll also put together a timeline for the annual change out of Council members. Jon suggested that we list each member's term on the Council member contact list. Michael Johnson will get the list updated with terms. Jon also suggested that we invite interested candidates to attend a meeting. Everyone agreed these are great suggestions. Jane Kading submitted Ruby Matejcek's name as a potential candidate (605)-342-6871.
3. Identify members of the Pastoral Council to the congregation – Howard Steiner reported his and Steve Rennell's suggestions to wear name tags, assist with greeting parishioners before and after Mass and speaking about the Council's efforts from the pulpit once a year. Other discussion to lead parishioners to Council members with suggestions, concerns, etc. included wearing a logo shirt or a specific color shirt, setting up an information table, handing out an information sheet or business card and directing parishioners to Council members standing by the Pastoral Council wall in the narthex. Kelly Thomas suggested establishing the weekend before the Pastoral Council meeting for greeting and/or being available to visit with parishioners.
4. One way entrance – Howard met with the SD Department of Transportation Regional Office regarding the one way entrance on the west end of the parking lot. According to Jason Baker with this department, there are no restrictions for the entrance and exits off of SD 44 for 4500 Jackson Blvd. The Rapid City Streets Department has no restrictions either. Howard is now waiting for clarification from Steve Fulman with the Rapid City Traffic Operations Department. Howard will not be at the February Council meeting but will insure that any feedback will be made available.
5. Did you know/why we do this section – Leonard Hansen and Father Adam met on December 14. Their goal is to implement a "Did you know" plan in February using social media, our website, the bulletin, emails, possibly an app and video clips. Father Brian feels there will be no shortage of questions, information, etc. to make available.

6. Through Him, With Him and in Him – As noted earlier in these minutes, the Council will focus on the Diocesan mission, Pastoral Priorities and Core Values and reference the Priority Plan booklet.
7. Church security and safety – This item was inadvertently left off of the agenda. It will be included on the February agenda.

New Business:

1. The Knight of Wine event was mentioned. It will be held on February 9. It's a great event to attend. Proceeds go back to the Knights of Columbus group.
2. Randi Roerick received feedback to increase reconciliation hours. Father Brian explained the limitations with regard to parishioners' expectations and the timing of saying Mass. He indicated that it may be possible to add some time on Thursday's after noon Mass.

Howard offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gogie Enstad, Pastoral Council president