

BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
JOINT END-OF-YEAR MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH RECTORY

October 11, 2018 6:30pm

Father Tim Hoag	Father Adam Hofer	Michael Johnson, Parish Administrator
Gogie Enstad, President	Steve Rennell, Vice President	Randi Roerick, Secretary
Cyndi Fisher	Leonard Hansen	Jane Kading
Jon Schaack	Howard Steiner	Kelly Thomas Teresa Vining
Catherine Chicoine	Dave Richardson	Amy Thompson

BOLD indicates present

Everyone in attendance introduced himself/herself

Father Tim offered the opening prayer

Steve Rennell made a motion to approve the September 13, 2018 meeting notes and Jane Kading seconded his motion which unanimously passed.

The new Pastoral Council members were recognized again by Gogie Enstad. She also recognized new Council member Tim Callahan who was not able to attend the meeting. Father Tim then welcomed the new Council members. He explained that the Pastoral Council will serve as an advisory group to him and Father Adam. He further explained that he and Father Adam will bring topics and issues to them through the Council meetings and Council members will bring topics and issues to them through the Council meetings. Father Tim emphasized good faith and honesty – he encouraged Council members to bring topics and issues forward, even if they feel reluctant. It's important that they are aware of all concerns of the parishioners.

Next, Gogie indicated that Steve Rennell was named the President candidate at last month's meeting. She called for his election to this position. Those present unanimously elected him. Next, she indicated that Leonard Hansen was named the Vice President candidate at last month's meeting. She called for his election to this position. Those present unanimously elected him.

Lastly, Gogie reported that Amy Thompson accepted the position of recorder and will take minutes of the Council meetings and provides them to the parish secretary for distribution to the Council and Eric Helgeson for posting on the website.

At this point, Gogie turned over the meeting to newly elected president Steve Rennell. He began by thanking the out-going Council members:

- a. Gogie Enstad
- b. Randi Roerick
- c. Howard Steiner
- d. Teresa Vining

Father Tim was asked for his comments. They included:

1. Capital campaign – A \$12,000,000 Diocesan campaign will begin soon (\$1,000,000 for teacher salaries, \$1,000,000 for native ministries, \$1,000,000 for priest retirement and the remainder for a new chancery and a larger lunchroom for the Catholic middle and high schools.) Our parish will be responsible for raising \$2,200,000. Funds raised beyond the \$2,200,000 will remain in our parish.

2. Building Committee – A committee has been formed to study and strategize the future of the Blessed Sacrament campus. Depending on the building committee’s findings, a parish capital campaign may take place after the Diocesan campaign concludes.
3. Professional production of the weekly bulletin – A company in Omaha will take over the production of the parish bulletin beginning January 1. Representatives will sell advertising on the back page to support the production of a weekly, four-color bulletin. A portion of the advertising proceeds will revert back to the parish.
4. Liturgy Committee – A committee has been formed to oversee the parish’s liturgical ministries, including MCs, Sacracists, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, hospitality, music, security, art & environment, etc. Four parishioners have been designated as reviewers. They will report their experience of the weekly Mass they attend back to this committee.

Steve indicated that he plans to form a task force to review Blessed Sacrament’s current rental agreements and a task force to review Blessed Sacrament’s Constitution in preparation for the Diocesan-wide development of a common Constitution for all parishes.

Steve then explained to the new members that Council members wear a yellow name tag while they attend Mass the weekend before the monthly Council meeting. They greet parishioners with the hospitality hosts prior to Mass and are available in the exit areas to receive feedback from parishioners to take to the Council meetings.

When asked for feedback from the recent Council hospitality weekend, Kelly Thomas reported that young parishioners would like to participate in events such as movies, gatherings, etc. Father Adam spoke to the development of Life Teen. He said he and others have been through extensive training and that it’s just getting started. Activities are planned including an event at the Elks Theatre. Discussion then followed on the Synergy program and the night both groups hold their gatherings.

Michael wrapped up the meeting by announcing that a new position for a Communication/Liturgical Administrative Assistant has been created. The CLAA will oversee and administrate all aspects of parish communication and assist the pastor with administrative liturgical duties.

Vonnie Jonson, Rectory Housekeeper/Cook, was recognized for a marvelous job preparing the appetizers for the meeting. They were very much enjoyed and appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

Gogie Enstad, President