

## **Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**8/8/19, 6:30 PM**

**Present:** Father Tim Hoag, Jane Kading, Kelly Thomas, Amy Thompson

**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.

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Tim

**Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:** Not enough people to vote. May be done via email.

### **Reports:**

Subcommittee Reports:

- Facility rental structure. Tentative scheduling has occurred until the Parish schedule has been developed. It will be finalized by 8/15/19. The new structure needs to be completed so that scheduling with new contract can be completed. Goal: By September meeting, at least a draft for discussion and review should be completed.

Sunday Meet and Greet:

- One person expressed disapproval of the building renovation.
- The choir has had fewer requests for weddings this summer. Response: ½ of those in marriage prep opted for Terra Sancta due to the problem of no central aisle.
- A question was posed about the process for Pastoral Council additions. Once the constitution is signed, the announcement can be made in the bulletin
- The condition of the collection baskets is deteriorating.
- A question was raised about whether the outer and inner doors of the church should be closed to decrease sound in the sanctuary.
- Someone wondered about the quiet time leading into Mass. A choir prelude begins 5 minutes prior to Mass.
- The marriage blessing is open to those who are widowed and those whose spouse is unable to attend that Mass. This will not necessarily be announced at the time of the blessing.

**Building Renovation:** The committee met twice before the Living the Mission Campaign began. The first chapter of Built on Living Stones, from the USCCB, was discussed. The discussion will resume with the Building and Liturgy committees now that the campaign has ended. More groups will be involved in reading and discussing those documents. The document has limitations but it is the best guideline for Church construction.

The location of the choir will be discussed. Concerns that were voiced will be contemplated and addressed as well as possible. Consultants will be hired later so the Church will be an inspiring temple to God. There will be committees to narrow options, but the parishioners will have a voice in some of the

final selections. Money from Living the Mission will not be available for Blessed Sacrament for a few years, so we have time to study, plan, and design.

The primary focus of Parish formation this year is the Year of the Eucharist.

**New Business:**

Constitution Next Step: Constitution approval occurred via email. Pastoral Council President and Fr. Tim will sign. It can be in place after that. When we have a new Bishop, he will be able to ratify the constitution.

**Old Business:**

1. Donuts: Hospitality is taking care of this.
  - a. Coffee and cookies have been cut from 5:30 Mass because we have too few people who volunteer for hospitality at that Mass.
  - b. Sunday donuts: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend donuts, 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend pancakes, 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend donuts, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weekend will be "carnival" (e.g. bake sales, Boy Scout popcorn, school fundraisers, etc.)
2. Funeral lunch group-no progress/change on broadening it
3. Parish Pledge: The finance council proposed: End of September-intro staff; In January-budget report. (*The budget presentation will likely occur in September*). In January-State of the Parish address and Parish Pledge. This timing will help more with budget development.
4. Handicap accessibility: no change or discussion.

**To Consider:**

Pastoral Council may take a month or 2 off through the year.

May have new staff members introduce themselves to Pastoral Council prior to the introduction of staff members to the Parish.

**Action Items:** Fr Tim-Hospitality inner and outer doors, collection baskets, Parish council pictures; Kelly-email Leonard about the constitution, minutes by email, facility use fees

**Next Agenda:** Possible book study for Pastoral Council-Divine Renovation, which is about designing a Parish for evangelization

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Tim