

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

APRIL 10th, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Rennell, Gogie Enstad, Randi Roerick, Jane Kading, Kelly Bickett, Fr. Brian Lane, Fr. Matt Fallgren

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Rezich, Teresa Vining, Romeo Vivit, and Kelly Thomas

Randi Roerick offered the opening prayer.

Steve Rennell made a motion to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes and Kelly Bickett seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Old Business:

1. Ministry and Committee Reports
 - a. Youth Ministry Report – There was no report this month.
 - b. Liturgy Committee Report – There was no report this month.
 - c. Pastoral Planning Team – Fr. Brian stated their document is coming out in a tri-fold pamphlet form. They will meet next week and it is likely they will be able to finish the document.
 - d. Electronic Outreach Committee – There was no report this month.
 - e. Parish Picture Project – Kelly B. is waiting for one more page and the draft will be complete.
2. Church organ Project Update –The intention is to install the new organ this summer. The old organ will be taken apart and used for parts. Gogie asked whether the volunteer that drove the organ here was thanked and Fr. Brian stated that he had been.

New Business

1. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of Bishops Letter discussion: Fr. Brian started by stating the objective is to ensure our Parish plan matches Diocesan Plan. The first three chapters are succinct and there is more “meat” in subsequent chapters. Steve R. asked Fr. Brian if this has ever been done before. Fr. Brian stated that Bishop Cupich wrote a synod during his tenure. Bishop Gruss opted for this process which included listening sessions to gather information. Chapter One includes the priority plan and intentional language is used throughout, for example, in the vocation prayer before mass. Gogie asked if our plan is similar and Fr. Brian indicated that it is. He stated the biggest priority at Blessed Sacrament is faith transmission. Kelly B. noted that the plan includes both active and non-active members. She feels that non-active members can often be overlooked. Fr. Brian stated that they took that into consideration during planning sessions. For example the Cathedral sent postcards to every address in their geographical service area to intentionally reach out and evangelize to all. He also stated that non-Catholics and fallen a-ways came to the session/confession at the Cathedral. It was clarified that Blessed

Sacraments geographical coverage area extends all the way from Silver City to Omaha Street. Fr. Matt shared the last paragraph on pg.12 and stated the importance that we are able to share our faith with others. He stated that Why Disciple is a great faith-sharing model that helps make faith a part of a person's identity rather than just reciting facts. Steve added how important it is to be persistent in our faith. Fr. Matt added that we must also see ourselves as a church with a mission. We have to keep asking ourselves who we are – not just Catholics, non-Catholics and others but as a larger Western Rapid City community. There were many references to the Holy Spirit in the reading. Fr. Brian noted that Bishop Gruss is very convicted of the Holy Spirit and he believes unless we all are we won't achieve results.

2. Discussion of Parish Administrator - Fr. Brian shared the Parish Administrator job description and asked the council to prayerfully consider what top three qualities each council member felt an a good Administrator should have.
3. Jane asked if we could consider a "Night of Mercy" event at Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Matt stated we could but should have a conversation to ensure we use our gifts to best respond to the needs of our parish.
4. Parish Council Vacancy – It was noted by Randi R. that there is still a vacancy on the council. It was suggested that current council members continue to personally recruit a member to fill the vacancy.

Members will discuss Chapters 4 and 5 from the Bishops Letter for next month.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 8, 2017 at 6:15pm.

Fr. Brian offered the closing prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Roerick, Pastoral Council Secretary