

St. Ursula Pastoral Council Meeting

September 20, 2021

ATTENDEES

Jeff Breighner	Fr. Jason Worley
Mark Appleby	Sr. Joan Kelly
Nancy Webb	Caroline Davis
Bernie Miller	Steve Smith
Tracy Mitchell	Bill Kreidler
Linda Frazier	Shelley Commodari
Katie Campbell	Tom Flynn

ABSENT: Colleen Hamilton, Tina Reissett, Nicole Dyer

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Father Jason opened the meeting with a prayer. Katie Campbell moved to approve the June meeting notes as written. Shelley Commodari seconded. The June meeting notes were approved as written.

Jeff indicated that Michael Colbourne, Tom Scheve and Laurie Callander had ended their terms on the Pastoral Council. Tracy Mitchell and Nicole Dyer are new to the Council. Nicole was on vacation. Tracy introduced herself to the group.

Jeff handed out a Conflict-of-Interest form and asked that all Council members review and sign the form, per a parish audit finding.

Ablaze Discussion:

Pastoral Council members were given a copy of the book Ablaze, by Deacon Keith Strohm. Bernie Miller briefly discussed the book.

- ✓ She asked all members of the Council to read the first three chapters of the book and to complete Appendix C, The Cultural Snapshot Inventory. Copies of the inventory were distributed. Forms may be completed anonymously and put in Bernie's mailbox in the parish office no later than October 4th.
- ✓ Nancy will scan the form and email it to council members with instructions to return it by the 4th.
- ✓ Everyone should read the first 6 chapters of the book by our next council meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Liturgy Committee – Fr. Jason and Bernie will meet soon. They need more lectors, eucharistic ministers and servers.

- Faith Formation – Bernie indicated they had completed a consecration to St. Joseph and have started RCIA. They expect a huge Pre Cana class in November. They are planning a study of the Eucharist for the Year of the Eucharist.

- Hospitality Committee – Shelley reports that they had 13 people at their last meeting. They resumed the Anniversary Masses. They will host a St. Vincent de Paul reception on 09/26 after the 11:00 mass to thank those who assisted in the past and welcome the new members. Jeanine Colbourne will lead Soup, Salad and Stations during Lent and she asked that the Pastoral Council sponsor the first dinner. The committee hosted a dinner for Religious Ed last Monday. And the committee brainstormed on ways to bring kids back to church including prayer pals and pen pals.

- Service Committee – They assist at My Sisters Place, Little Sisters of the Poor and Franciscan Center once each month and Our Daily Bread every other month. St. Vincent de Paul met on Thursday with new leadership. Tom Fitzgerald is the new President, Tony Lorber is Vice President and will handle all ordering. Lenny Delozier will handle the finances. The new leadership has some fresh ideas that they will consider in the future. Sister mentioned the thank you reception for the committee after the 11:00 mass on 09/26.

- PHSA – Caroline Davis introduced herself as the new PHSA liaison to the Pastoral Council. Caroline had been the PHSA President for the past 4 years. She wants to get more school kids back to church and to resume CLOW.

- School Board – Tina was not present but submitted a report saying that the School Board continues to work on details for Air Conditioning. School enrollment remains the same.

- Facilities – Mark Appleby explained several pending maintenance projects:
 1. Roof and stone wall behind St. Joseph's altar – They have talked to a contractor who can repair the roof and stone wall, but it is very expensive. After the leaks are repaired, a parishioner has volunteered to repair the plaster, but the artwork will need to be fixed.
 2. The foundation behind the Putty Hill Ave side of the Spiritual Center is leaking.
 3. The brick office wall that was repaired a few years ago needs to be silicone coated. We should do that at the same time as the other 2 masonry projects are done to save some money.
 4. Issues with the access control system not working properly. The data base needs to be rebuilt.
 5. The church parking lot needs to be repaved and repainted.

- Finance Committee – The committee will meet the second Monday in October. Katie Campbell reported that the offertory is currently \$10,000 **over** budget! Parishioners continue to donate to the Deficit Reduction and Air Conditioner appeals. Expenses look good (until Mark Appleby provided his facilities update).
- Mass Updates – Katie Campbell distributed a chart with mass attendance counts since 06/07/20. Mass attendance has increased since 06/2021. However, our attendance from 05/2021 is only about 50% what it was in 05/2019. Going back to 05/2017, we are well under 50%.
- Fundraising – The Council recommends selling raffle tickets in January for prizes in February. We discussed the Remembrance Society. Bill Kreidler will bring back brick options and prices for a full discussion next month.
- Parkville Fair – The Parkville Fair will take place on October 9th in our church parking lot. We will have 3 tables – Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Parish Community. Anyone with ideas for what to have at the Parish table should send them to Jeff ASAP. Some things we discussed were a Welcome to the Parish packet, magnets with mass times and the church phone number (maybe with a calendar, conversion table, etc.), pens, koozies, etc. Jerry D's will be selling pit beef and giving the parish one half of the proceeds.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The council discussed the recent Parish Audit, which the Archdiocese conducts every 3 years or when the pastor changes. In addition to finances, the auditors look at procedures. We fared relatively well after this audit, although some procedures may need to be updated.

Father Jason closed the meeting with a prayer. Bill Kreidler moved to adjourn the meeting and Tom Flynn seconded. The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Nancy will scan the Cultural Snapshot Inventory form and email it to council members with instructions to return it to Bernie Miller by October 4th.
2. Council members should read the first six chapters of Ablaze before the next meeting.
3. Bill Kreidler will bring back prices for commemorative bricks for a discussion in October.
4. Send ideas for the Parish table at the Parkville Fair to Jeff ASAP.

Submitted By:

Nancy Webb, Secretary
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