

St. Ursula Pastoral Council Meeting

October 18, 2021

ATTENDEES

Jeff Breighner	Fr. Jason Worley
Colleen Hamilton	Sr. Joan Kelly
Nancy Webb	Caroline Davis
Nicole Dyer	Steve Smith
Tracy Mitchell	Bill Kreidler
Linda Frazier	Shelley Commodari
Katie Campbell	Tom Flynn

ABSENT: Mark Appleby, Tina Reissett, Bernie Miller

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Father Jason opened the meeting with a prayer. Bill Kreidler moved to approve the September meeting notes as written. Linda Frazer seconded. The September meeting notes were approved as written.

Jim Kalinosky, President of the Pastoral Council at St. Stephens Bradshaw, introduced himself. He is reaching out to other parishes to find out more about how their councils operate. Jeff plans to attend a council meeting at St. Stephens in the future.

Nicole Dyer, a new Pastoral Council member, introduced herself. She is a convert to our faith. She moved to the Baltimore area in 2018 and searched for a parish where she was comfortable. St. Ursulas was her final choice. She is involved in a number of parish ministries and is happy to be on the Pastoral Council at this pivotal moment.

Committee Reports:

- Liturgy Committee – The committee will meet on the 30th. The focus will be on new minister training and Christmas.
- Faith Formation – The Bible study class on the Eucharist began on Tuesday.
- Hospitality – Shelley Commodari reported that the Anniversary Mass was well attended. Sr. Joan is talking about how to involve kids in the liturgy. They are planning something for 11/14 and something for December with donuts and juice afterwards. They have asked the Mother's Club to help serve. Edward, head of the Institute of Evangelization for the Archdiocese, is a parishioner and has expressed an interest in helping with coffee and donuts after a 9:00 am mass. Sr. Joan will get more details and ensure that the Hospitality committee will be involved. Sr. Joan wants to do more for our senior citizens. She is planning a "tailgate" party for the Ravens vs Dolphins game for November 11th. She is planning future gatherings.

- Service Committee – Sr. Joan received a nice report from Tom Fitzgerald regarding Saint Vincent de Paul. They are helping lots of people. He visited the emergency housing at the Welcome Inn and reported that SVdP is still giving out food bags once/month. He might need to adjust the times so that he can get additional volunteers. Sister reported that the parish is doing a great job supporting My Sister's Place and the Little Sisters of the Poor.
- PHSA – Caroline did not have a specific report. The school is currently conducting a raffle. The sign board at the school is fixed. Stephanie needs to talk to Lauren Calva about posting mass times on the board.
- School Board – No report.
- Facilities – Mark Appleby submitted the following report:
 1. The Spiritual Center hallway has been repainted. However, the moisture issue with the stone below the water table still needs to be addressed.
 2. Pipes in the rectory basement bathroom need to be replaced at a cost of about \$2000.
 3. A study to pinpoint the cause of the ongoing leak over the St. Joseph altar is complete. Stone must be repointed, flashing around the chimney must be repaired/replaced, as well as a section of the roof. The projected cost is \$75,000 which includes replacement of the roof over the sacristy.
 4. The parking lot lines were repainted for the winter. We need to seal the lot in the spring and repaint the lines at a cost of \$9000.
 5. The roofs in the rectory garage and Ron's garage need to be replaced at a cost of \$12,000
- Finance Committee – The committee will meet in November. Katie reported that the parish is still running in the red, but the numbers are moving in the right direction.
- Mass Updates – Katie Campbell reported that mass attendance continues to increase.
- Fundraising – The Council recommends selling raffle tickets in January for prizes in February. Colleen Hamilton is looking for a sponsor to help print the tickets. Colleen and Bill Kreidler will talk to the brick vendor on a sales plan to be discussed next month.
- Parkville Fair – We made about \$500 on the Dunking Booth. They want to have the fair next year on September 10, 2022. Because it is an election year, planners expect politicians to attend.

Ablaze DISCUSSION:

We discussed the Cultural Inventory Survey. 10 out of 17 council members completed the survey. Some new members felt unable to answer the questions. The results indicate that St. Ursulas is operating under the old paradigm and moving forward will likely cause a great deal of disruption. As we move forward in our discussions, we should always go back to chapter 1 to identify the root of the problem. We should concentrate on the bullets on page 15.

Should we give this process a name?

We discussed how to make people missionary disciples:

- Create more opportunities for people to come together in fellowship – small groups, meals
- Welcome people as they come to mass; learn their names
- Talk to people in church
- Host activities like craft fairs in the church parking lot
- Print special Tee shirts to engage people in conversation – “ask me why I am wearing orange” shirt idea, Welcome Home

Synod DISCUSSION:

Jeff discussed the Archdiocese Synod. Synod means “journeying together.” There are three phases of the activity – preparation, discussion, implementation. Father will send out the link.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Father Jason closed the meeting with a prayer. Katie Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting and Bill Kreidler seconded. The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

Submitted By:

Nancy Webb, Secretary
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