

St. Bridget Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes – July 20, 2011

The St. Bridget Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was called to order by Chairman Mark Sweeney on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. Mark opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Msgr Carr, Fr. Capuano, Mark Sweeney, Charlene Bechely, Ellen Gilliam, Joe Jowaisas, Michael Kozak, Elizabeth Martin, Jim Melvin, Paula Murphy, Paul Sinclair, Marie Swider, and Turtle Zaun.

May Minutes were approved.

Mass Schedule:

Msgr. Carr presented a draft letter to parishioners about keeping the summer mass schedule through the school year, September 2011 through May, 2012. He will include information about children's liturgy being offered at both the 9:00 and 11:00 masses. The letter was approved for distribution.

Posters will be placed in Commons to inform parishioners of mass schedule.

Real Presence Initiative and Mass Text:

"Understanding the Revised Mass Texts" by Paul Turner was distributed by Msgr. Carr for the PPC to be aware of changes to mass text.

Inservice Project Workshop is set for Saturday, September, 10, 2011 at 9-3 in St. Bridget Church. PPC members were asked to place event on their calendars as well as to encourage parishioners to attend this event..

Planning Retreat Summary, April 20, 2011:

Mark Sweeney passed out the summary from the planning retreat. Highlights of St. Bridget School's accomplishments were discussed.

Marie Swider reminded PPC of the request for the offering of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students during Advent or Lent.

Stewardship:

Msgr. Carr believes the 2011 Stewardship Campaign is still a hot topic. The 2011 campaign was very successful and evaluations are being considered for the 2012 campaign.

A suggestion for the Bishop's Appeal was to include how money was spent from the previous campaign.

Staff/Committee Member Attendance:

Mark Sweeney informed PPC that throughout the year, a staff member or a committee member will attend PPC meetings to give updates which will allow connection within the parish.

PPC meetings will have quarterly updates by the Financial Council and the Liturgy Committee.

Pulse of Parish:

PPC members signed up to be Committee/Ministry liaisons. See attached document for updated list.

PPC members are to contact committee/ministry heads, attend monthly committee/ministry meetings, and report back to PPC.

Fellowship/Hospitality:

PPC agrees that the revised mass schedule gives the parish a great opportunity for adult formation and fellowship.

Mark Sweeney appointed Maria Morrison to look into fellowship opportunities.

Fall Leadership Meeting:

PPC members agreed that a meeting is necessary but the Fall may not be a good time. The Real Presence Initiative takes priority.

Development Director:

Msgr. Carr informed PPC that there is no need for a full-time Development Director.

Youth Minister:

Msgr. Carr informed PPC that a search for a new Youth Minister is on the way.

Organ:

Msgr. Carr informed PPC that there has been a quiet effort for a new pipe organ. Pledges total over \$1 million. Although there is no specific schedule for this to begin, Msgr. Carr suggested Lent, 2013.

Restoration of the grand piano is \$30,000.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Msgr. Carr.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 in the church commons.

Submitted by Ellen Gilliam

**St. Bridget Parish Pastoral Council
Committee/Ministry Liaisons
2011**

School:	Charlene Bechely
Finance Committee:	Mark Sweeney
Building Committee:	Turtle Zaun
Stewardship:	Jim Melvin
Communications:	Elizabeth Martin
Liturgy Committee:	Paul Sinclair
Youth Ministry:	Marie Swider
Music Ministry:	Ellen Gilliam
Men's Ministry:	Mike Kozak
Women's Ministry:	Elizabeth Martin
Human Concerns:	Joe Jowaisas

