

Blessed Sacrament Parish aspires to be a model Christian community, disciples of Christ, in communion with the universal church, in service to each other and our greater communities. We speak with diverse and inclusive voices, united by our Catholic Faith and Eucharistic Celebration.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
May 8, 2009**

PRESENT: Fr. Tom Mattingly, Chris Pipkins, Yolanda Blake, Kim Maggiolo, Cathy McClatchy, Liz McDavid, Pam Murphy, Marcia Pearce, Maria Pena Taylor, Pete Adams, Scott Hammond, Hillary James, Lorena Sanchez

ABSENT: George Collins, Kilders Giron, Keith Holzer, Randy Hook, Mindy Morrison, Rex Moyers, Colleen Slipka, Chip Studwell

After enjoying a pot luck supper together, the meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM, with Sunday's gospel reading by Cathy McClatchy, and reflection by Council members. .

Introductions

New members were welcomed, and then new and old members introduced themselves to each other, sharing some information about themselves.

Nomination of Executive Committee

Expectations of each officer's role were explained to the Council members by Fr. Tom and Chris. Discussion followed. It was decided that the head of the Council would be Co-Chairs.

Marcia Pearce nominated Liz McDavid to continue as Council Secretary, Maria Pena Taylor seconded. This was approved with unanimous vote.

Nominations for Co-chairs were made for Pam Murphy, by Kim Maggiolo; and for Kim Maggiolo by Liz McDavid; and for Kim and Yolanda Blake, by Chris Pipkins. Nominations were seconded by all. A secret written ballot was held, with Fr. Tom counting and announcing that the elected Co-Chairs are Kim Maggiolo and Yolanda Blake.

Chris Pipkins, on behalf of Randy Hook and himself, passed on the Co-Chair positions with the keys to the Pastoral Council mailbox and some advice and reminders as to what was most needed to be done by these positions. This included: next year's calendar, monthly agendas, new Council contact list, editing notes, and establishing good contact with our parishioners.

Walk By Faith Update

With Bishop Di Lorenzo coming to our parish November 22nd, it is necessary to compile information to be presented to him regarding our parish on Word, Worship, Community and Service. Pam and Kim planned to get our survey out in the pews on May 16 & 17. Parishioners will be asked to complete the survey at or after Mass. These will be sent to the diocese to compile the data and return the results to us.

It was decided that Yolanda and Maria would stress the importance of this survey with our Hispanic parishioners, and especially present these surveys to various parish groups.

It was also decided that notice of these surveys would be put in the Mass announcements, and contact would be made with all church groups, such as CCW, Kof C, and Volunteers to encourage survey responses.

Kim also stated that she would get more Walk by Faith booklets for new Council members.

Committee Reports

With the new membership, and the new Council Year about to begin, the committees were noted and explained to all. New members will be needed to fill vacancies made by old members.

Lifelong Learning Committee – Focuses on Adult and Young adult Catholic Education. Members currently include: Louisa Cahan, Chip Studwell and Liz McDavid.

Bridge Building Committee – Works on social events in efforts to unify the Anglo and Hispanic heritages. They are also working on getting a survey together about parishioners' time, talent and treasure that could be contributed to the parish. Members are Yolanda Blake and Marcia Pearce, Maria Penza and George Collins.

Outreach Committee - Focuses on meeting with parish groups who volunteer on various social, charitable functions to determine their goals and how Parish Council could help them. Members are: Kim Maggiolo and Pam Murphy

Budget Committee – Works with parish staff on spreadsheet for priorities and needs for the fiscal year to be presented to the Finance Council. It was reported that there was no membership in this, with old members leaving Council. Pete Adams volunteered to be a member on this committee.

New members were asked to consider what committees they would like to volunteer to take membership in. Appointments will take place at the June meeting.

Voice of the Pastor

Fr. Tom noted that we do have a Council mailbox on the wall in the hallway for signed questions and concerns, but that the Pastoral Council was not in effect to just field complaints, and this should never take up a big part of meetings.

He also said he feels Council should study our Mission Statement and see how it applies to us and get our guidelines from it.

Our Building Campaign Committee reported that we have \$300,000 in the bank and have about \$400,000 in pledges over the next several years. We plan to have one more weekend of pledge campaigning on May 30th/31st. It is important to keep the Fund Raising projects on the minds of our community. There will be more in the future, such as more raffles, golf tournament and auction. Pam Murphy suggested that we develop a Fund Raising Telephone Committee in an effort to get every parish family involved in what we hope to accomplish and to invest in our parish community.

She gathered names of Council members willing to help and said she would get a meeting together in June.

Fr. Tom told us that plans are in the works for having our church sanctuary painted this year, for the first time since it was dedicated.

Joe Goldsmith, one of our seminarians, will be spending his Pastoral Internship year with us, beginning in July. In June he will be attending an Intensive Spanish Studies Program

We have 20 applications for our \$1,000, scholarship for a Hispanic high school graduate. All must be active participants in our parish. The winner is yet to be announced.

VOICE of the COUNCIL

Yolanda said she is looking for help in planning the food and entertainment for the Parish Picnic to be held on June 7th. She and Fr. Tom will decide to have a bilingual Mass at 11AM, or to still have both 10AM and 1PM Masses.

Marcia and Pam said that the ushers should be told to seat people in the pews marked Reserved at Masses with First Holy Communicants, when the Mass is starting and the seats are still empty, especially at the crowded 10AM Masses.

Liz said she would take pictures of new members after the meeting – for our Parish Council board in the hallway. She also said she would ask Jean DePiro about ordering name tags for new members.

Chris reminded Kim that an Orientation binder should be given to new members at the June meeting. This would include a calendar for the coming year, results of last retreat, and Minutes from last meeting.

Pete Adams told all about the Blood Mobile Drive to be held on Sunday from 9-1:30 PM.

There will be no meeting in July.

Chris thanked all for the rewarding opportunity to serve as Co-Chair of Parish Council and to get to know so many new people in the process. He closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Kim Maggiolo adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liz McDavid
P.C. Secretary

NEXT MEETING: June 13th, at 9:00 A.M., Church Basement