

NATIVITY OF THE LORD PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES April 9, 2018  
"Sharing the Love of Jesus with Others"

**JOINT MEETING OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD AND ST. VERONICA PARISHES**

***NEXT MEETING DATE MAY 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m. AT ST VERONICA***

04/09/18 Location: Nativity of the Lord

Opening Prayer: Bonnie Kuchera

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

March 12, 2018, joint meeting minutes were accepted.

SV/NL Administrator's Report:

1. Communications

- a. The Augustine Institute electronic service for Christian formation FORMED.ORG is active. Parish Code for registration is HJ8C8W. Participants enter name, email address and then set a personal password. Bulletin announcements and banners are forthcoming with instruction to register.
- b. An electronic newsletter for each parish has been initiated since Easter. It will be sent out biweekly. Fr Carmelo asked Council to consider combining parishes on the email blast. Presently, SV and NL have separate headers and contact footer information on the email blast but have the same content. Duplication of effort for the sake of individual parish identity is not efficient.
- c. Eric Schmidt, SV, raised a website capacity issue. LPI hosts the websites for SV and NL. The sites were built with the intention that ministry leaders would manage their areas. LPI is user friendly but lacks capacity to link to platforms like FORMED.ORG or other systems that might be needed in the future. A new host might be necessary. Additional cost would need to be determined. E. Schmidt will inquire with LPI about their efforts to expand hosting capability. A follow up report to joint Council will be given in May.

2. **Committee to Implement Pastoral Council Elections**

Members

St Veronica: Eric Schmidt: eric.w.Schmidt@gmail.com and Cindy Sobczak: Cindy.Sobczak@usbank.com  
Nativity: Mark Jahn: Mjahn4158@gmail.com and Don Mulock: cdmulock@aol.com

Execution

Nomination forms are available in pews.  
Bulletin announcement on weekends of Apr 8 and 15  
Pulpit announcement for parishioner participation at mass on Apr 14-15.  
Nomination forms to be submitted during Church service Apr 27-28.

3. **Committee to Increase Parish Volunteerism**

Members

St Veronica: Mary Thiry: marykt51@peoplepc.com and Judith Schenk: judithschenk@att.net  
Nativity: Luanne Coyne: jimandluannec@gmail.com and Greg Miller: millerg99@aol.com

Execution

A Parish Volunteer Plan was presented to Pastoral Council on Apr 9. The report included a need for leadership at Council and Committee/Commission levels. Discussion ensued about Archdiocese

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Formation Manuals and other website training aids. Suggestions were presented for successful volunteer recruiting. Clear and concise description of volunteer opportunities is considered a must. Implementation is based on Committee/Commission input for existing and future volunteer needs. Volunteer management is critical for new and veteran participants and some basic guidelines were presented. The Ad Hoc Committee is willing to work with Ministry Committee/Commission and Parish Council review of volunteer activity. Council liaisons are asked to discuss volunteer needs with the Ministry Committee/Commission leads. Goal is to have a summary by June 2018.

General discussion included external requirements such as liability waivers, food handling certifications, usher records for injury avoidance by snow shoveling, ice salting, and other work. Volunteer job description and expectations, Time & Talent Survey follow up, and personal tap on the shoulder request for help were discussed. Volunteer opportunity description can be sent to E. Schmidt for website documentation.

4. After ordination, Deacon Will plans to preside at a Mass of Thanksgiving at SV on Jun 3 10:30 Mass, and at NL Jun 10 8:30 Mass. Stewardship Committees will plan for a reception after Mass.

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**NATIVITY OF THE LORD PASTORAL COUNCIL BREAKOUT SESSION**

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Meeting Time: 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

In Attendance (v)

NAME	BEGIN SERVICE DATE		FUNCTION
FR. CARMELO	2016	v	Pastor
JIM HENNLICH	September 2013	v	Pastoral Council Chair
LUANNE COYNE	2016		Pastoral Council Vice Chair
ANGIE FECH	2013		Pastoral Council Trustee Sec
GREG MILLER	September 2017	v	Pastoral Council Recording Secretary
SHIRLEY ROBINSON	September 2011	v	Finance Liaison (Finance Council Chair)
DON MULOCK	2016	v	Finance Council Trustee
MARK JAHN	2016	v	Finance: Buildings/Grounds Committee
MICHELE ST. MARIE-BOELKOW	September 2017		Religious Education Commission Liaison (Christian Formation)
LAURA KUKOR-SHEA	September 2017	v	Human Concerns Commission Liaison
ELLEN JIMENEZ	June 2016		Human Concerns Assistant
BONNIE KUCHERA	2012	v	Worship Commission Liaison (Prayer & Worship)
ELOISE WILLIAMSON	2016	v	Stewardship Commission Liaison

Minutes from March 12, 2018, NL breakout session were accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Recording Secretary was tasked with summary re-write of compiled results from the NL Parish Survey intended for bulletin insert. Survey summary presented to Council is acceptable.
2. Call for Pastoral Council member nominations. Two positions are scheduled for rotation.
3. Parish Volunteer Ad Hoc Committee review of volunteer activity. Council liaisons are asked to discuss volunteer needs with the Ministry Committee/Commission leads.
4. The Fund-Raising Committee concerned with the Parish Raffle recommended to Finance Council on Mar 15, 2018, a special night for raffle drawing as a separate event. Resolution: Separate raffle at Fall dinner (tentative Saturday Oct 6, 2018) without auction of baskets. Spring dinner will include auction of baskets. New menu choices are under consideration. Broader participation is a goal.
5. The Christian Ladies Guild selection of a qualifying communicant to participate in the May Crowning event is complete.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of possible alternatives for offsite annual picnic for out years such as a "Block Party" scenario to draw more participation. Need to plan costs for area notices, permits, insurance, and other associated necessities. To be continued.
2. Discussion of other fund-raising possibilities such as "Bingo Night" at an offsite bingo parlor, e.g., St Francis Lions Club.
3. Discussion of possibility to merchandise apparel as a fund raiser. Pastoral Council is asked to determine interest.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance: Shirley Robinson**

Parish Finance Council meeting was held Mar 15, 2018. Next meeting scheduled for Apr 19, 2018. A priority list of projects was discussed with South Campus demolition leading. Water intrusion through aged roofing and weathered tuck pointing on the school has caused serious damage. Emergency repair is needed. By agreement with City of Cudahy, phase 1 of 3 phases for demolition of South Campus begins in Aug 2018. Financing for the 3-phase project is tenuous. Fr Carmelo will meet with the Archdiocese to explore finance mechanisms.

**Christian Formation: Based on Committee Minutes in lieu of Michele St. Marie-Boelkow Report**

The Christian Formation Committee meeting was held on Mar 19, 2018. Next meeting is scheduled for Apr 16, 2018.

The Christian Formation Committee anticipates changes in the Religious Education program. Details will be available after meeting and discussion with Parish priests.

**Elementary Religious Education**

2018 Class sizes are

GRADE	SA	IC	SH	SP	NL	SV	other	Total
K5	0	1	1	1	0	4		7
1	0	2	0	5	1	16	1	25
2	4	2	0	1	1	10	1	19
3	2	2	0	3	2	13	2	24
4	1	3	2	3	0	5	1	15
5	0	1	0	1	3	12	1	18
6	4	0	1	0	1	12	0	18
	11	11	4	14	8	72	6	126

**Youth Ministry**

Programs for St John Bosco Youth Ministry, Life Teen for middle school, program for high school under development for 2019.

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"*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program*" is being developed for 3 levels by age: 3 ½ to 6 years, 7 to 9 years, and 10 to 12 years. Location of the facility will be St Veronica art room. Fund raiser generated \$800 for program materials.

The Committee asks that all Formation activities (e.g., speakers, movies, prayer activities, choir concerts, bible studies etc.) be made available to "all parishes." Bulletins are the major means of communication and need to provide space for notices.

Successful Parish sponsored events are listed as SHJ Soup and Bread with a theme of Atonement in Abrahamic Faiths, and Flicks with Faith *Before the Flood* with 40 attendees; and IC ARISE with Adoration, Confession and praise.

Committee plans to create a Christian Formation Calendar for events, presentations, and Formation series offered to South Shore Parishes.

**Human Concerns: Laura Kukor-Shea**

**Human Concerns Committee** meeting was held Apr 5, 2018. Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2018.

A **South Shore Collaborative Human Concerns** meeting is postponed from Apr 18 due to weather and re-scheduled for May 16, 2018, at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

An **Earth Day Project** is scheduled for Apr 22, 2018. All South Shore Parishes are invited through posters and bulletin announcements. Clean Up of grounds and woods will occur at St. Francis Seminary/Cousins Center. A Liability Release waiver will be required for participants.

**Run/Walk with the Capuchin Friars for Milwaukee's Hungry** at Polish Fest is being promoted for Friday, Jun 15, 2018. All South Shore Parishes are invited through posters and bulletin announcements. Team name will be "*South Shore Catholic Holy Soles.*"

**Project Concern** is celebrating 50 years of operation with a display at Cudahy Library until the end of May and an Open House on Apr 7, 2018.

A **Respect Life Committee** meeting was held on Apr 3, 2018, at SV. Next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2018.

**Mother's Day Rose Sale** is planned for May 12 and 13 after Mass. Proceeds will be given to WI Right-to-Life. Volunteers have been asked to sell 150 roses.

NL received a *Thank You* note from Women's Support Center for **Baby Shower** contributions in January 2018. The Respect Life Cluster of SE Wisconsin will sponsor a presentation on "**Strong Fathers- Strong Family**" on Tuesday Apr 17, 2018, to be held at St John Evangelist location. Invitation to all South shore Parishes is by posters and bulletin announcement.

The Committee is planning for a presentation regarding "**Sidewalk Counseling and Pro-Life Conversations with Pro-Abortion and Pro-Choice Advocates.**" The program is intended for all six South Shore Parishes, specifically for those interested in ending abortion and saving lives. A speaker, Therese Aloia (Program Director at Pro-life WI), has accepted an invitation to talk. Tentative dates are Saturdays in 2018 September 8 or 15 or 22. Suggested location is Nativity of the Lord school hall.

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The MAY – JUNE **topic for brochure rack information** is: THE CATHOLIC FAMILY. It will focus on sacramental ties in the Family like Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Emphasis will be on Sacraments and raising children as Catholics. It is oriented with Mother's Day and Father's Day.

The JULY-AUGUST topic for brochure rack information is "ARE YOU YOUR SINS?" – JUDGING, FORGIVENESS, LOVE, AND DEATH ROW. The topic suggests Justice/Mercy, Death Row/Capital Punishment, with some inference as to whether we are our sins?

**Prayer and Worship: Bonnie Kuchera**

A meeting of Prayer & Worship Committee scheduled for Apr 4, 2018, was cancelled due to proximity to Easter celebrations. Next meeting is May 2, 2018.

**Stewardship: Eloise Williamson**

The Seder Meal event on Mar 22, 2018, was a success.

Closing prayer: by Group

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**NOTE** for Pastoral Council liaisons – Please prepare a summary of your Commission/Committee observations and suggestions prior to the May 14, 2018, **6:30 p.m.** meeting.

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