

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Meeting in Dominican Hall
Minutes 6:30 PM, September 27, 2021
Approved October 25, 2021

Pastoral Council Members Present: Fr. Mark Brandl (Pastor), Fr. Norberto (Norbie) Sandoval (Associate Pastor), Vern Baus (SC), Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Tom Clarke (HNJ), Mary Dalheimer (SC), Tom Dinolfo (Staff), Mary Greeneway (HNJ), Mary Jo Bugembe (HNJ), Ron Spaulding (SD), Mary Petrie (Staff), Rebecca Rupnik (SD), Bob Mair (SD), Phil Zastrow (SD).

Excused Council Members: Brett Goebel (SD), Michael Johnson (HNJ), Anne Skowlund (SC), Luanne Bemis (SC), Kevin Sander (HNJ)

Guests: Edie Morrison & Kate Reidel (Staff)

Welcome: Jeanne Bitkers filled in for Chair Kevin Sander, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Prayer: Fr Mark

Mission and Vision Statements: Reviewed and read by Council Members

Announcements:

- Council member Anne Skowlund's husband passed away after a long illness, funeral services will be this coming Friday. A memorial mass will be offered by the council.
- Index Card – Jeanne passed out an index card to each member, as we proceed through the meeting, members are encouraged to write down any thoughts, actions or goals that they would like to see the council pursue.

Review of August 2021 Minutes: One correction noted – Bob Mair should be listed and indicated as an excused member

Faith Formation Update: Edie Morrison and Kate Reidel provided updates:

- There has been an increase in families involved in Grade School, High School and Catechist students
- They are beginning to bring back in-person events, including Mardi Gras and other seasonal events
- Confirmation will be in Fall this year, and Spring next year
- Catholic Heart Missions will resume – Champagne, IL
- Kate gave updates on her program, involvement and events being planned

Pastor Report: Fr Mark went over the following:

- The St Dominic Fall Festival was a success
- Holy Name of Jesus 175th Anniversary was a year-long event and was done very well

Assoc. Pastor Report: Fr Norbie discussed the following:

- He agreed to Renew with our parishes as Associate Shared Pastor for 3 more years, and a letter of support will be written by the Pastoral Council and sent to the Archdiocese by the end of September 2021.
- A number of events have been planned for the Hispanic Community through 2021 and there is a focus to include the English Community in these events.
- The Ecclesial Ministry Conference and a focus on Spiritual Life in the School was discussed
- "Come To Me" program and Advent Banners are forthcoming
- Fr Norbie and Fr Mark added ideas to bring Hispanic Catholic traditions in the school, including Day of the Dead, Las Posadas and St Nicholas visits

Welcome to Members Accepting the Call: Jeanne Bitkers recognized Ron Spaulding as the new Vice Chair and Phil Zastrow as the new Secretary. Mary Jo Bugembe also volunteered to be Co-Secretary.

Council Liaison Reports:

Stewardship – Bob Mair:

- We need more representation from all 3 parishes. Currently 5 members are from St Dominic, and need more volunteers for this very important ministry.
- Seeking ways to find more young people & young families involved – Social events seem to be the most effective.
- Focusing on Internal and External Evangelization opportunities.
- Nearly finished with the Time and Talent Booklet for all 3 parishes. Also looking into the ability to translate to Spanish.

Website Update – Tom Dinolfo:

- Let it be reflected in the minutes that we express our gratitude and appreciation to 5th Color/Sun Graphics for doing a great job in getting our initial website operational – they were a great help and very supportive of our North Parish Community. We are in the process of transitioning to a website provider that will integrate our website and communication needs.
- Our Bulletins will remain as is currently, but will transition in the future as well.
- Faith Formation – See Above Entry after Review of Minutes

Vision for the Pastoral Council: Fr Mark asked us to remain focused on today, but also the future, especially in the following topics:

- How we can defend our faith as Catholics
- How we can maintain viability many years into the future
- Catholics Coming Home campaign is coming soon
- Capital Campaign 2022
- We as Council Members need to have strategic vision

Additional Notes:

- Council Roles Remain Open – Jeanne Bitkers brought to the council that we have a number of open roles that need to be filled. She asked that we prayerfully consider our own time and talent to help fill those open roles.

Signup for Prayers: Signup sheet was passed around and given to Secretary

Parish Events: December 10 - Embrace the Holy Family - Engaging our Faith As One

Next Meeting: Monday October 25th, 2021 6:30pm at Dominican Hall

Committee Reports: Due by the 15th of the month, sent via email to Phil Zastrow's home and work emails

Closing Prayer: Fr Norbie

Respectfully submitted: Phil Zastrow