

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Date: February 26, 2025

Start time: 6:40 pm

E	Rev. Gideon Buja	P	Sr. Jennifer Daul	P	Judy Schneidewent
P	Rev. Shijo Thomas	P	Don Dobbs		Darrell Maciejewski Trustee Treasurer
E	Mary Jo Bellinger	P	Reyna Morales		Jeff Pucel Trustee Secretary
P	Patti Bohlman	P	Mary Ann Nemeth		
P	Warren Bohn	P	Adam Schelske		

Opening Prayer

Reading: Luke 6:39-45

Reflection

Revision of meeting procedure: To facilitate discussion a process called "Parking Lot" was suggested. Members are encouraged to jot down ideas that are not on the topic/agenda for discussion after the agenda items are completed.

Approval of the minutes of January 22, 2025: Move to approve by Reyna, seconded by Adam

Old Business

1. Review of Name Tag Sunday

- a. The event went well. Not everyone put on a name tag, but a couple of people took time to put on one before going into the gathering space for Café Sunday.
- b. It helps to explain why we are doing this as we encourage people to put on a name tag.

- c. It was suggested that the presider take time at the beginning of Mass to encourage people to learn the names of those around them in the pews.
- d. The next Name Tag weekend is March 1-2.
 - i. Deb will set up the name materials needed.
 - ii. Council members will be available to help at each Mass.
 - 1. Please wear your identifying PC badge.
 - 2. Council members helping out.
 - a. 4:00 Saturday—Patti, Sr. Jennifer, and Sr. Mary
 - b. 8:30 Sunday -Warren, Sr. Jennifer, and Don
 - c. 10:30 Sunday Mary Ann, Adam, Warren, and Judy
- e. When will the Pastoral Council sponsor Café Sunday? (May)

2. Renewal of Terms of Office for Pastoral Council/Nomination and Discernment for new members.

- a. Sister Jennifer handed out a "Pastoral Council Intent to Continue Serving Form" to the council members.
 - i. The form provides an opportunity to indicate a member's intent to continue on council or not, Commissions or leadership role preferred, and recommendations for new council members.
 - ii. The form is to be returned by March 5, 2025.
- b. Sister Jennifer has revised the bulletin articles.
- c. Mary Jo will help.
- d. There will be bulletin articles each week; pulpit announcements midway; and invitations for discernment in May.

3. Re-establishment of the Formation Commission

- a. It is essential for the council to have information on the formation of children and youth.
- b. The youth and young adult ministers are glad to hear that they will now be recognized for their work.
- c. The commission will include youth, young adults, adults, SR prayer group, and SR 18-24 year old adult group.
- d. Sister Jennifer will meet with Juana and Betty ahead of time. Mary Ann and Judy are willing to be involved.

- e. It was suggested that Betty be asked to find out the interests of the two groups from SR.

New Business

1. Lenten Program: "Soup and Stations"

- a. The parish staff is responsible for this program. Pastoral Council members are encouraged to attend and be visible.
- b. Fr. Gideon would like this to be a regular event and to, perhaps, be held more than once.

2. Record retention for Parish Archives

- a. Commission liaisons are encouraged to send the minutes for their commissions to Judy asap after a meeting. Judy will send all the minutes to Jenny along with the council minutes.

Commission Reports:

• Prayer and Worship

- Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 6:00 pm. Stations and Soup will be held on March 21st. Patti and Sister Jennifer volunteered to provide a soup.
- The minutes include a question as to whether or not there will be stations at SCB on Good Friday. The answer is no.
- A Corpus Christi Procession will be held on June 22nd. Deb, Lizzy, and Jenny will plan this event. There will not be a reception afterwards this year.

• Formation

- The Celebration of Consecrated Life on February 2nd went well.
- A book study using Fr. James Martin's book *The Seven Last Words of Jesus* will be used. The study will be offered in the afternoon at SR and in the evening via Zoom.
- Al McCauley will speak at SCB on May 8th. We asked Al to speak on the Jubilee Year of Hope.

• Human Concerns

- No meeting our last meeting. Next meeting on March 19th.
- Undy Sunday will be held on March 8-9.

• School- no meeting since our last meeting in January.

• Stewardship

- The Stewardship of Treasure campaign was completed in November.
 - In order to recruit new volunteers Commissions are hosting Café Sunday each month. In preparation they are submitting bulletin articles about the Commission in the weeks preceding their Café Sunday and preparing posterboard or other information about the Commission to be displayed during Café Sunday. Parish Life hosted Café Sunday in January and the Adult Faith Formation Committee hosted Café Sunday in February.
 - Volunteer appreciation is being discussed.
- **Parish Life**
 - Card Night
 - Will be held on Saturday, March 22nd
 - Cribbage and Shep's Head will be offered.
 - People may bring their own board games as well.
 - \$20 registration fee will cover beer, soda, burgers, and hot dogs.
 - Deb will be available for sign up after Masses.
 - Deadline to sign up is March 14th
 - Lenten Fish Fry—postponed until next year
 - Beer Garden to be held in the summer
 - Deb will check with Jenny regarding a liquor license
 - Games such as bags and ladder golf will be available
 - The Commission aims to provide opportunity for community involvement, to “get butts in the pews.”
 - It was suggested that an “All are Welcome” invitation be put on the outdoor sign.
 - **Finance Council**
 - Seton has increased tuition from \$3500 to \$5500 per year.
 - Parish families can apply for a scholarship if they do not qualify for Choice funds.

Pastor's Report

- Twenty-seven students attended the Confirmation retreat in January.
- The priests were able to meet with the new Archbishop. He is down to earth, willing to listen, and always available.

- St. Roman will hold a fund raising dinner on April 25th.

Parking Lot items

1. Jubilee Year

- a. Sister Jennifer asked that the Prayer and Worship Commission and the Adult Faith Formation Committee do what is possible to promote the Jubilee Year of Hope.
- b. It was suggested that the Jubilee Year and its significance be explained from the pulpit.
- c. There should be information and possible materials available from the Archdiocese. Sister Jennifer and Mary Jo will get guidelines and share them with the commissions.

2. Prayer and Worship commission suggestions

- a. Consider later time for the Healing Mass.
- b. Consider offering a weekday Mass in the evening once a week.
 1. Could be combined with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation.

3. Planning ahead

- a. Events such as the Jubilee Year should be planned ahead of time.

There are events that the Universal Church proposes that need advance planning so that implementation will coincide at the time the Universal Church initiates. Ex: Preparation for SBC sponsored events/publicity for the 2025 Jubilee Years should have started months before the worldwide start date, January 1, 2025. To our credit there are two examples of advanced planning. They are the celebration of Corpus Christi and the Parish Mission.

- b. (Possible Agenda (new business) item to discuss upcoming initiatives that are in the works for the Universal Church and Archdiocese so we can plan in advance).

4. Thrive for Life postponed for the next meeting due to the time.

Opening and Closing prayers for March 26th - Mary Jo

Adam moved that the meeting be adjourned; Don seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

Please REMEMBER to return your Intent forms as soon as possible.

Next meeting: March 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Schneidewent, secretary.

Addendum:

Clarification to the Finance Council Report submitted by Patti Bohlman:

Our parish does not have a scholarship fund right now. They used to.

So applying for a scholarship from the church is not viable. Students will need to apply for choice and get turned down- before they are considered for a scholarship from Seton

Clarification to the Finance Council Report submitted by Jenny Sczesny:

I wanted to clarify the scholarship information for the committee.

The Seton Catholic Schools raised the tuition last year to \$5500 per student (consistent with all Seton Schools), which was around \$2000 per student more here at SCB. They offered to all tuition paying families a scholarship that was funded by donors with the promise it would continue in the future and fully pay for what the family requested as a need. This February it was announced that the tuition would remain the same at \$5500 per student but the scholarship would be limited to \$1000 for one student and additional \$750 for a second student and \$500 for every student after that. The family also must show proof that they applied for choice and are ineligible. In 2024/2025 they awarded \$700,000 in scholarships which is not sustainable.

In addition the parish and school have limited funds in a tuition assistance fund as over the last few years the school has not done much fundraising. The tuition assistance policy was created to support parishioners who wish to send their children to the school or receive faith formation and have a financial need. Please note these funds are for both faith formation classes as well as school.

I hope this clarifies this for everyone but please let me know if you have further questions