

Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Agenda – May 7, 2018

*We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, are a Christ-centered community; Committed to worship the Father;
Committed to respond to the Spirit's gifts; Committed to loving service to all God's people.*

Attendance

Facilitator: Jo Stone

Vince Stricker
Susan Churchill
Bob Sylvester
David Elliot
John Gianola
Joe Gresham
Molly Linehan
Rick Brennan
Tom McLane
Kay Margocee

Colleen O'Neill
John Finnell
Matthew Crabtree
Peg Nagem
John Hanna
Travis Green
Bob Lucas
Jeanne Haas
Natalie Zellers
Mark Haas
Joe Jenkins

Guests

Reagan Whitmyer
Tim Norris
Elizabeth Leary
Kathy Monahan
Danny Scalise
Ken Holz

7:00 pm Opening Prayer (Joe Gresham)

Lord, as we gather today at this meeting of our Parish Counsel, we ask that You will be in our midst.

Help us to make decisions that will be pleasing to You. Also, help us to be able to discuss the matters at hand in a reasonable way, and to be willing to give up having our own way.

God, let this meeting be productive and, as should be the case in all areas of our lives, help us to keep You at the forefront of our minds as we do the work set before us.

Amen **7:05 pm** Welcome Visitors (Jo Stone)

see list above + guests were invited to discern 3 yr commitment to membership on Pastoral Council

7:15 pm Kudos (All)

- Dismas Club mothers day pancake breakfast was a great success.
- Ministry Fair was well attended and very informative.

- Saturday morning prayer group was inspiring and open to all.
- Second grade teachers are doing a great job.
- Jeff, one of our maintenance workers, came in Saturday when we had the water problem.
- Kudos to safety committee for all their work.
- The prayer at the funeral last Thursday by Celine's mother for organ donors was inspiring. Kudos for her courageous and loving prayer that morning after all she had just gone through.
- Jo and her help did a good job organizing Staff Appreciation lunch at Los Agaves.

7:25 pm General Parishioner Concerns (All)

- Council members are asked to wear name tag – makes you visible to visitors and other parishioners. It is strongly encouraged, but each council member must use their best judgment of when it may not be appropriate. Nametags are located in basket by the sign up sheets where Father preps for Mass.
- Opioid crisis- do we have a program at Blessed Sacrament? KPPC (Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center) -one of our tithe partners – does that very effectively – we should refer queries to them. Bob Sylvester offered to start a committee to look into ways to help. Joe Deegan was mentioned as a resource.
- Spanish Classes for those who don't speak has been suggested. Fr John is open to that if we can find someone to lead it. Goal 4 team will take that on.

7:35 pm Staff Concerns (Father John)

- New initiative – people who live alone, not just our shut-ins, but all who are living alone. Is there value in starting informal gatherings or pot luck suppers?
- Nice assortment of people interested in the council – Father John will meet after each Mass on Memorial Day **weekend** with those who could not attend this evening for small discernment sessions. He will meet privately with anyone who can't meet then. People will be instructed to let him know of their intentions.

7:50 pm Discernment of new Facilitator (All)

Father described facilitator roles. Susan Churchill was nominated. Peg thought Rick Brennan should be considered. Bob Lucas suggested Joe Jenkins should be considered. They both declined at this time. Susan said she could/would serve, and will be our new facilitator by consensus.

8:15 pm Safety Awareness Update (Joe Jenkins)

May 20 safety training and how it will be set up after 1130 mass--1pm till 4pm

- Susan Hutchinson will do training
- Handout that will be used is a typical PowerPoint, Joe shared a copy of it during the meeting
- Alice (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate)
- Ushers, liturgical ministers, pastoral council, staff will be invited to first training session.
- Second training June 24

8:30 pm Goal Team Reports (All)

- For our parish survey, goal team 4 was appointed to look at the calendar and suggest a date to announce in church and in the emailed announcements.
- Faith formation goal still in progress. Selected issues on Catholic Social Justice teachings meetings will be held this summer. The movie *Romero* will be shown Sunday, June 3 at 3:00pm as a culmination of our Lenten and Easter teachings about the saints.

8:45 pm Questions about PPC (All)

- Do we operate by Committees? No, not by committee. We do have goal teams which work on objectives which may result in committee spin-offs. However, you do not have to be a council member to be on a committee, and you do not have to be on a committee just because you are a council member.

- An observation was shared that the guests and potential new members of the PPC had been vocal and active in tonight's meeting. They appear to be involved already.
- Elizabeth Leary commented she would miss many meetings while she is away at college. All of the council members said this is not an issue. There are methods we can use to include her in the meetings, and she can work with her goal team between meetings even if she is away. There are several council members currently in the same situation.
- Father John will Pass on minutes to all those interested in becoming council members.

8:55 pm Closing Prayer (Joe Gresham)

As we close this meeting, Lord, we want to give honor to You. Thank You, God, for the time we had today to discuss issues and make decisions.

May You bless each person who took the time to gather here today and let Your hand of Protection be on them throughout the rest of the week.

Let the work done here tonight come to fruition, and let it all be for your glory.

Help us each to do our parts to bring the plans discussed to life.

Amen

9:00 pm Adjourn

Next PPC Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 7 – 9 pm

Prayer Leader: Rick Brennan