

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council

## Meeting Agenda – September 12, 2023

*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.*



### 1. Opening Prayer (Father Paul)

### 2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Liz and Jackson's behind the scenes work for VBS
- Ann Winton, Amanda Wines, Jane Rothman, Patricia Watson, Christine Fernandez, Olivia Hayes for stepping up as faith formation leaders and teachers this year; multiple volunteers for substitute teachers
- Fr. Paul for target of the parish and it is looking amazing and welcoming
- To all the volunteers who assisted in the cleaning and rehab of the parish classrooms and hallways for the upcoming faith formation
- To the choir who had 14 members at the first practice
- To all those who filled in for Wayne on the sound board
- To the City of South Charleston for assistance on clearing properties
- To Mary, Natalie, and Mike for all they do for the parish and for Father

### 3. Carryover Topics

- Closing the Gathering Walls and Doors – The liturgy committee supports the decision. Plan was to announce for several weeks with the goal of closing the doors beginning on the 9/30/23 evening mass. Doors would be opened Christmas/Easter. This plan is on hold until we see how the upcoming Covid season proceeds.
- Vicariate Pastoral Council: In a recent letter from the Bishop has asked for 2 representatives from the parish to take part. There will be a nomination process with the goal of having 5 names for a vote. Rory Issac has agreed to head up the nomination and election process. Mike Burgess and Mary Pat Peck had served in this role during the covid time and will be informed of the new direction.
- Liz James gave a further debrief on the VBS:
  - Wish more decorations and prep before hand; reusable name tags; better signage for rooms and classes
  - Prep Virtus certification and prepping volunteers
  - Great material for catechesis

- Talking VBS up before the week of – have kids talk to their friends
  - Start prepping after Easter – for a July VBS
- Survey created to figure out who is participating in parish life and what assistance is needed (family info, children age and name, current ministries)
- Pastoral Council Constitution – Katie will email a first draft to the council between the September and October meeting
- Beginning Dates of PC Members – See list below
- The PC constitution that was ratified in August will be formally signed off by Father Paul and then distributed with the meeting notes and on the website
  - Faith Formation      Sundays between masses
    - 9/17 - parent and student orientation; Teachers, parents and students
      - Teachers - all classes have a main leader
      - Kindergarten/First grade 6 - Amanda & Christine
      - 2nd/3rd grade: 8 - Olivia
      - 4th/5th grade: 7 - Patricia & Jane
      - 6th/7th/8th/9th: 9 - Ann
    - Adult formation: Book Studies, Single lessons, panels with other religious leaders
      - Mystery of the Eucharist and Life of the Church
      - Mary's Magical Mystical Tour
  - Poster for upcoming events and two-pager for parents to take home

#### 4. General Parishioner Concerns

- Thanksgiving Dinner – Fr. John, Terry & Maureen Mathias, Ruth Conrad Molly & Simontons to create a committee for planning Thanksgiving dinner;
  - Meeting between masses this coming weekend
  - Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/23 at 3:00 PM in the parish hall.

#### 5. Staff Concerns

- Have all current PC members emailed Father Paul with their council start dates? Are there any council members looking to leave after 12/23?
- Garden Project (Natalie Zellers): For property across 4th Avenue
  - A series of gardens that have separate purpose but all tie together
  - Hope to have plans available to view at the Blessing of the animals
  - Jason Testman @Valley Gardens helping with landscape architecture
- Blessing of Animals
  - October 1st
  - Across 4th avenue
- Virtus Certification
  - Get all volunteers trained
  - Create a list of active volunteers
  - 1) Do it yourself at home, 2) Virtus parties, 3) Just background check,
  - \*\* Ask Natalie about certificate and/or list of activating or running out \*\*

## 6. Closing Prayer (Father Paul)

### **Attendance:**

**Fr. Paul, Jack Dever, Christine Fernandez Terry Mathias, Jackson Davis, Molly Belcher, Katie Smithberger, Chip Council, Mike Grenada, Natalie Zeller, Liz James, Mary Odin, MIke Granata  
Guests/Speakers – Rick Brennen**

**2018 - Anne, Jack, Philip**

**2020 - Katie, Chip, Pam**

**2022 - Terry, Molly, Christine, Jackson**

**Matt Davis, David Lewia, Charlie Wilson TBD**

**Next PPC Meeting:** Tuesday October 10, 2023 - proposed 6:00pm  
(opening & closing prayers – David Lewia)