

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Agenda – August 15, 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 (Pam Council)

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions. And continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Kudos to Rick Brennan, not only to his service for multiple years on the PC but through his service to the parish on multiple fronts
- **KUDOS to Maureen Mathias for help in the kitchen for VBS**
- **KUDOS to all volunteers who came to help for VBS**
- **KUDOS to volunteers helping to organize, declutter and make our parish a more welcoming environment**

3. Carryover Topics

- Closing the Gathering Walls and Doors – **discuss at August meeting in due of new information**
  - **The tracks are no longer a maintenance issue**
  - **Recommendation to Liturgical Council to close the doors until Advent/Christmas/Lent/Easter**
  - **Reach out to Dismas Club for how**
- Mike Burgess and Mary Pat Peck were the two parish members selected to be on the Vicariate Parish Council. Mary Pat Peck has reached out to the vicariate about reestablishing ties
  - **No further recommendations - Mary Pat to continue to reach out**

4. General Parishioner Concerns

- Parish Pancake
  - **Low turnout about 150 people, but still good socialization**
- Discuss extending an invite to Nick Chancey to help develop a young adult ministry and determine how the council can assist?
  - **Reach out to Nick Chancey – He will get 2 minutes**
  - **Bulletin link to facebook group**

- Discuss the intent to set aside time at the September meeting for a debrief on the recent VBS
  - **VBS - Kitchen was overabundance of help; Volunteers showed up out of the woodwork; Activities went really well; Thankful to all the youth volunteers**
    - **Improve on content – better curriculum with structure**
    - **Reach out other parishes to join/participate**
- Add Deacon to the prayers of the faithful
  - **Add weekly prayer for our local deacon candidates**
  - **An increase in vocations to the consecrated life, the diaconate, and the priesthood; for our seminarians and our deacon candidates: Tommy and Tony, we pray**

#### 5. Staff Concerns

- Discuss switching further PC meetings to the second Tuesday of each month. This would allow Father to attend all OCIA meetings on Monday
  - **Ok to change to Tuesday**
- How best do we reach out to the youth and children to get them better engaged in vacation bible study, faith formation, and parish life?
  - **Volunteer to triage and “clean up” clutter around the parish**
    - **Nursery**
      - **Making sure the environment was inviting, make sure that it's not overwhelming**
    - **St. Dismas Room (corner room)**
      - **Able to repurpose and clear out the room; allow the room to be useable**
      - **Dismas Club - creating more working parties to help around the parish**
    - **Music Room (room 3)**
      - **Able to have an open space, musical instruments able to be accessed; able to be used for VBS**
    - **\*\*Grief Ministry will be taking over room 2 (September)**
      - **Pam Council will be helping to assist**
    - **Chairs for the Sanctuary**
      - **Make sure a plan for how to clean and expectations**
    - **Coffee & Cookie Ministry**
      - **Many volunteers with a lot of stepping up**
    - **Environment room**
      - **Pulled out and reorganized**
    - **\*\*Side Kitchen\*\***
      - **reorganize and provide snacks/space to create a welcoming teaching**
  - **Faith Formation**
    - **Need to be supported with curriculum**

- **Supporting teachers and providing multiple team volunteers to teach each group**
  - Directory update?
  - **Create survey to figure out who is participating in parish life and how we can help**
    - **Family, children name & age, current ministries, etc**
6. Onboard PC Training
- Questions/comments on recent draft of the bi-laws
    - **Ratify the bi-laws**
    - **Plan to change over new members Next June/July 2024**
7. Closing Prayer (Father Paul)

**Next PPC Meeting:** Tuesday September 12, 2023 - proposed 6:00pm  
(opening & closing prayers – Matt Davis)

*Goal 1 – To expand our parish ministries that promote care for those who are sick, disabled, grieving, struggling or impacted by addiction.*

*Goal 2 – To give all parishioners expanded opportunities to understand, appreciate, and apply Catholic Social Teachings in our personal lives and in the life of the parish.*

*Goal 3 – To provide greater awareness of our parish resources of all kinds and of opportunities to use them in carrying out our mission (stewardship).*

*(January 1, 2020 beginning of New Goal Team Objectives for current 4-year cycle)*

**Attendance:**

**Fr. Paul, David Lewia, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Christine Fernandez, Terry Mathias, Jackson Davis, Molly Belcher, Katie Smithberger, Pam Council, Chip Council, Philip Maramba, Mike Grenada**