

**SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00-9:00 PM Monday 2 Feb 2015**

**Present:** Fr. Jeff Dauses, Rick Brewer, Jim Bors (Pres.), Audrey Carbine, Julia Carbine (Youth Rep.), Roger Crane, Mike Lehr, Susanne Lipscomb, Jen Minor, Chris Mirenzi, John Phelan (Sec.), Anne Storey, Brendan Walshe, Betsy Werthmann (VP)

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Chris Figueras and Marge Tsitouris (Justice and Peace Committee)

**7:00 “Come Holy Spirit” Prayer**

**7:05 Lectio Divina with Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

Jim set our meeting table up as a Sacred Place using the kit provided in each meeting room. He requested volunteers to select and lead the Lectio Divina for the remainder of the term. Betsy Werthmann volunteered for March.

**7:10 Fr. Jeff Update**

No staff changes. Next weekend is the Archbishop’s annual appeal. SABB is normally very generous in response to the appeal and receives a charitable rebate distributed 1/3 to our Sister Parishes, 1/3 to Saint Vincent DePaul and 1/3 for Tuition Assistance for SABB families who need help in funding Catholic Education for their children. Our parish continues to grow and we have active ministries. Fr. Jeff appointed Mike Lehr to complete the remainder of Carolyn DeVeau’s PC term (thru 31 May 2016) following her move away to the west coast for work. Welcome, Mike!

**7:20 Justice and Peace Committee Report – Chris Figueras and Marge Tsitouris**

Chris Figueras, chairman of the Justice and Peace Committee and Marge Tsitouris, the new chair of the Emergency Winter Shelter joined us to report on a number of their ministries. During the course of their presentation a number of requests and action items emerged.

- Justice and Peace Committee requested that the PC allow their name be changed to Outreach Committee because that is the collective effort of all of their ministries – to reach out and provide assistance to the community – Service to God’s People. It would also eliminate confusion with the Justice and Life ministry. Informal consensus among the PC was that the name change should be approved and so recommended to Father Jeff. The change involves changing the parish website and directory.
- JoAnn McNabb is SABB’s representative to SPAN. She has requested that a second person from SABB assist her in our parish work with SPAN. Covering all of the numerous activities have become too much for one person.
- PC reps could do a better job in reaching out to some of the ministries that fall under Justice and Peace/Outreach.
- All of the ministries are looking for new participants, particularly Justice and Peace. There is plenty of work to go around.

Chris, Marge, and Jim Bors provided summaries of the good work performed by the many ministries that fall under this committee. Some highlights:

- SPAN – Serving People Across Neighborhoods - <http://spanhelps.org/> - has a pantry, provides crisis assistance to families on the Broadneck Peninsula and Severna Park.
- Emergency Winter Shelter – briefed at previous PC meeting-hosted 30 men recently.
- Chores and More – greatest contribution and need is in providing transportation for the elderly and the needy to appointments and interviews.
- St. Vincent De Paul Society – provides crisis assistance to persons living in 21409 and 21012 zip codes – financial aid for rent, utilities, as well as gas cards. Other services provided under the SVDP umbrella are:
  - Provide Dinner first Friday of every month to clients at the Lighthouse shelter
  - My Brothers Pantry
  - Prison Ministry to include Bible Study, Angel Tree to provide gifts to children of the incarcerated, program to strengthen families.

Father remarked that Poor Box proceeds from one weekend per month are given to SVDP.

- My Sisters Place – SABB provides lunch once per month for 100+ women and children.
- Justice and Peace – Runs the Tree of Compassion during the Christmas Season and are involved with Legislative initiatives and education. The current members were responsible for initiating the Sister Parish relationships.
- Ranger Rosaries – makes rosaries for members of our armed forces. SABB has made and contributed over 10,000 rosaries to date.
- Respect Life – March for life and initiatives that assist mothers in need
- “Thanks-for-giving” – A Broadneck Ministerium initiative that will commence in 2015
- St Andrew’s Harvest to feed the poor– provides assistance to College Parkway Place (CPP) – members of the parish pick vegetables at a farm. Farm produce is distributed to regional soup kitchens and personally distributed to CPP residents. This is done in partnership with with the Mid Atlantic Gleaning Network.

#### **8:20 San Francisco de Asis (SFdA) visit status – Helen Maher; Julia Carbine**

Nothing new – visit is on hold

#### **8:25 Subcommittee Status**

- **2014-15 Parish Honors – Susanne, Jen & Audrey**

Presentation of the Loaves & Fishes and Salt of the Earth/Light of the World honors will take place at the 5 PM Mass 21 February and be followed by a reception in the upper hall coordinated by the Hospitality Ministry. The efforts of the subcommittee paid off as there was an increase in nominees over previous years. Those selected for the honors are:

Salt of the Earth: Pat and Laura Griffin

Loaves and Fishes: Walking with Purpose Ministry, Tim Feist, Adult Choir, and Gisela Barry.

As many PC members as possible are requested to participate in the mass and the reception. PC will take the lead on the reception, working with the Hospitality Committee. Unfortunately, Jim Bors will be on business travel and Betsy can't attend. So, John will read the award citations per the script provided by Susanne/Jen/Audrey.

- **2015 PC Election – John, Roger, and Brendan**

PC election is scheduled for 2-3 May. The subcommittee previously provided copies of the MOM "Pastoral Council Nomination of New Members and the Election Process" by email in advance of the January PC meeting. The bulletin note was submitted to Kathy Beard and will run in February. Testimonials by current PC members will take place before the masses on 7 and 8 March and PC is requested to remain after masses to answer questions from those interested in being new council members. Volunteers will be solicited at the 2 March PC meeting and a draft testimonial provided (the committee may need to edit/shorten it to fit within Father's time limit). Subcommittee proposed that PC members take advantage of Lenten Friday night activities, Walking with Purpose, and Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference to ask individuals directly to consider joining the Pastoral Council. Some questions were resolved:

- PC membership is open to all registered parishioners who have reached the age of 16 by 1 June 2015.
- All registered parishioners are eligible to vote.
- Registered parishioners who are unable to vote at Mass will have the option of sending an email absentee vote to the PC Election subcommittee by 2 May. John took an action to contact Kamal about how he did this process last year.

- **PC Constitution Review (Chris and Betsy)**

Goal of this review is to recommend changes to the PC Constitution to bring it in line with its current role as a consultative vice administrative body. Chris and Betsy presented initial recommendations for Articles I and II. It is clear that there is consensus to change the constitution. Detailed discussion ensued and agreement reached, at least in spirit, on some of the proposed changes/eliminations of council purposes and functions. Detailed "word-smithing" to follow. Will revisit next PC meeting. An action item may emerge to convene a dedicated session outside of the monthly PC meeting. No deadline has been set for completion of the review/revision so it may extend into the next council.

- **2016 PC Discernment Process (Rick and Audrey)**

Nothing to report. It was proposed that Rick and Audrey come to the March meeting with some initial thoughts and high level options to begin considering.

We tabled the following agenda items for a later PC meeting as we were running out of time.

**Annual Review and reflection of the Parish Vision Statement:** *“What part(s) of the Vision are not in the current vision or scope of existing parish ministries or the Pastoral Staff? What is the PC's role, if any, in helping “activate” these aspects of the Vision?”* (Standing agenda item)

- “Worship and Prayer”- Revisit neighborhood gathering of parishioners idea discussed at the January PC meeting.
- “Learning and Proclaiming the Gospel” - Prepare through reading the attached vision statement and the implementation ideas.

### **8:55 New Business**

Father requested PC recommendation regarding what limits should be set on the liquor license acquired for individual events/receptions by parishioners who rent the upper hall. The PC recommended that the license be limited to serving beer and wine only.

### **9:00 Prayer to St. Andrew**

#### **March Agenda items:**

\*Liturgy Committee Report (Zach Stachowski)?

\*Subcommittee Status

2014-15 Parish Honors – Lessons learned

2015 PC Election – prep for 7/8 March PC testimonials before Mass

PC Constitution Review

2016 PC Discernment

\*Annual Review and Reflection on Parish Vision Statement

Revisit Worship and Prayer – neighborhood initiative

Learning and Proclaiming the gospel

\*Sister Parish relationship ideas

Include December follow-up question on reaching out to Hispanic parishioners

\*May Leadership Potluck for incoming/outgoing PC members

Calendar:

#### **February 2015**

1 – Donut Sunday (Adult Faith Formation)

2 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC; Justice and Peace Committee Report (Chris Figueras)

(18 – Ash Wednesday)

21 – Parish Honors presentation and reception

#### **March 2015**

1 – Donut Sunday (SVDP)

2 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC, Liturgy Committee Report (Zack Stachowski)?

15 – Welcome Brunch for new parishioners

(30 - 31 – Easter Break AA Cty Schls)

**April 2015**

(1 - 6 -- *Easter Break AA Cty Schls*)

2 - 5 – Triduum

6 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

**May 2015**

2, 3 – PC Election

3 – Donut Sunday (PC)

4 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

29 – SABB Leadership Potluck?

30 – New PC Orientation and Officer Election

30 – 3 year terms end/begin for 4 old/4 new PC members

**June 2015**

1 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

8 – Parish Picnic

14 – Welcome Brunch