

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
7:00-9:00 PM Monday 5 Jan 2015

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

Absent: Roger Crane (ill)

Guests: Moe Hickey, Helen Maher, Tim Feist

7:00 “Come Holy Spirit” Prayer

7:05 Lectio Divina with the Gospel of Mark 1: 7-11

7:10 Fr. Jeff Update

-It was a great Christmas. Lots of volunteers fully engaged. Parking lot jammed as usual for the first Masses with some cars stuck in the mud for a bit. Some kind souls even prepared a buffet for those involved with multiple masses on Christmas Eve.

- Winter shelter went extremely well. SABB hosted 32 different men from Monday 29 Dec through Monday 5 Jan. Lori Limbacher, ministry head for the 3rd year in a row, reported that there were over 200 volunteers on site over the week plus all of the folks who donated supplies. She estimates at least 900 volunteer hours. The new shower trailer worked very well. SABB was one of the parishes that donated to its procurement. Lori is passing the baton to Marge Tsitouris who will lead next year’s effort. Our guests raved about their stay, especially the food.

7:20 Finance Committee Report – Moe Hickey

- Moe provided the PC with hard copies of the financial status through November 2014 and gave verbal updates on status at the end of the year. Highlights: SABB remains solvent and is fiscally sound. Parishioners and visitors were especially generous in their donations over the holidays. Beth Dunleavy was lauded for her efforts running the pre-school program which is almost at full capacity again with 120 students and operating in the black. The endowment fund toward the Strategic Plan goal of religious education without charge has grown to over \$33K, benefitting from the earnings of Annapolis by Starlight. The sale of the parish house provided funds to pay down the principal for the Parish Hall renovations loan. The original \$386K principal is down to \$114K. See your report from Moe for more details.

-Moe agreed that the budget process could be better. Requests for inputs go out to ministry leads in March. There appears to be some breakdowns in the communications because some provide input and some don’t. So, the budget for those not submitting is matched to previous year budgets. One ministry lead on the PC suggested there is room for improvement in communicating the approval process to ministry leaders and feedback on whether their budget request was approved. . Father Jeff said that staff will become more engaged in making sure there is acknowledgement of the Finance Committee annual request.

7:40 San Francisco de Asis (SFdA) visit status – Helen Maher; Julia Carbine

-Per Helen, the 2-9 Feb visit will likely be sliding again. The pastor, Padre Herrado, is no longer planning to come and one of the two visiting parishioners (Wilma and Lorena) has yet to obtain a visa. They do have in hand a formal invitation from SABB to show at the US embassy. Helen's plans for having our visitors participate in as many ministries as possible (discussed at earlier PC meeting and minutes) remain flexible. Anne and Andy Wagner will host and we still have a need for drivers, translators, and day and evening dinner hosts. We have registered them to attend SABB Mardi Gras.

-Julia Carbine reported out on potential initiatives that the SABB youth group members proposed for establishing a closer rapport with SFdA to include: a group letter (rather than individual letters); annual Christmas care package; Skype conversation between the youth groups; and, a contingent of 10 youth group members who would like to sit down with our visitors.

7:55 Subcommittee Status

- **2014-15 Parish Honors – Susanne and Jen**

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. Awardees will be selected and announced by 14 February so that as many ministry members associated with the awardees can plan to attend that mass and be recognized, too. Susanne and Jen presented the schedule of activities to reach that goal and the draft nomination form. They took a number of action items regarding updates to the simplified nomination form. Nominations can be done online or paper forms put in marked baskets at the back of the church. Fr. Jeff agreed to send a note to all ministry leads soliciting inputs; PC members are to reach out to their liaison ministries in person or via the draft letter contained in the January PC minutes. John tasked with retransmitting the letter to the PC. Everything is on track.

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

PC election is scheduled for 2-3 May. The subcommittee provided copies of the MOM "Pastoral Council Nomination of New Members and the Election Process" updated for the 2015 election. Near term action item is to submit a proposed bulletin announcement to Kathy Beard to run in February bulletins. Feb PC meeting will include soliciting and scheduling PC members to provide testimonials before selected masses encouraging parishioners to stand for election. MOM contained drafts of propose bulletin announcement, testimonial format, candidate biography form, and ballots for PC to review and comment upon at the Feb PC meeting.

- **2016 PC Discernment Process (Rick and Audrey) and PC Constitution Review (Chris and Betsy)**

Subcommittee chairs will inform Jim when they have made and have something to report.

(We reordered the published agenda a bit at this point)

8:20 Confirm that Ministry Leads have been or are being informed of the Ministry Fair decision – Jim

We revisited the action from December to send a draft communication to or meet with our assigned ministry leads regarding the lack of a ministry fair in the fall and our alternative method of reaching out to the parish via Donut Sundays. A draft letter was provided in the Jan PC meeting minutes. John took the action to send it out again to PC members.

8:30 Annual Review and Reflection on the Parish Vision Statement Part II: Learning and Proclaiming the Gospel

Our homework for this was to read the vision statement and the compiled implementation ideas that were both attached to the agenda and prepare to discuss. The review is a PC constitutional requirement. Reminder of the challenge: *“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?”*

We did not get very far on this topic and will revisit next PC meeting. Instead, we followed up on our January “Worship and Prayer” pillar discussion with our third guest of the evening, Tim Feist. He proposed encouragement of neighborhood gatherings of parishioners.

Tim offered his vision of strengthening this pillar through identifying where clusters of parishioner households exist to establish “neighborhood networks”. The purpose would be to deepen solidarity and increase opportunities for friendship, prayer, meals, study and mutual support among parishioners. Tim spoke at length about how to go about implementation of the vision and its potential benefits from his perspective. A lively discussion ensued among the PC.

- On the positive side, Father said he would enjoy saying mass in a parishioner’s home and inviting the neighborhood (all denominations) to attend and break bread together afterward. Several PC members supported that offer and one stated she would love to host such an event.
- There was vocal opposition to Tim’s suggestion to use existing technology to data mine the parish registry to visually identify “clusters”. This notion made many of the PC members very uncomfortable and certainly raised privacy issues that would need to be carefully addressed. No vote was taken, but the tenor of the comments made it unlikely that such a methodology would be embraced.
- Tim’s suggested benefits were discussed. A number were straight forward and concurred with and some were viewed as overly aggressive.
- One PC member suggested that the potential privacy/legal issue could be avoided by allowing parishioners to self-initiate neighborhood networks on a more informal, organic, grass-roots basis; and that this could be done with a strong advertising/ promotion/ communications phase in parallel with seeding a pilot group in a specific neighborhood

where there is a high density of active parishioners (Cape St. Claire, Atlantis, etc.) and promote/communicate the benefits of the network via personal testimony.

- Another idea offered was that this does not need to be a “top down” initiative, but rather a heavily-promoted idea that goes hand in hand with “3-in-1” where parishioners can take the initiative, for example: go out in your neighborhood and talk to your neighbors (to whom you may not have had a conversation with when they moved in 5 years ago) - whether or not they’re Catholic - and invite them to a neighborhood summer BBQ at your house.

Secretary’s note: We will revisit this general topic at the February PC meeting. The goal is to focus on the positive nuggets that emerged from our discussion. From that, we will try to formulate a completely voluntary 3 in 1 initiative involving reaching out to our neighbors and not just our fellow parishioners.

8:55 New Business

-PC Member, Carolyn DeVeau has accepted a new job on the west coast and will be leaving the parish in a matter of weeks. We wished her a fond farewell and thanked her for her service, particularly her work on Annapolis by Starlight.

-We broke out the PC constitution to figure out our options on filling her position. Father Jeff is authorized to appoint a replacement to complete Carolyn’s term. We made several recommendations that he took under advisement.

9:00 Prayer to St. Andrew

February Agenda items:

*Justice and Peace Committee Report (Chris Figueras)

*Subcommittee Status

2014-15 Parish Honors

2015 PC Election

2016 PC Discernment

Constitution Review

Neighborhood Network follow-up discussion (standing agenda item)

*Discuss Vision ideas for pillar “Learning and Proclaiming the Gospel”

*Sister Parish relationship ideas

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

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