

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday January 9, 2017

Attendance: Brian Jordan, Mike Riggin, Chris Mirezzi, Marc Mckenna, Mary Jean Mollen, Denise O'Neill, Susan Michaud, Traci LaValle, Fr. Jeff Dausess, Rick Brewer, Mary Vartain, Roger Crane, Bobbi Paquin (SABB Corporator). Absent - Cathy Tengwall

Fr. Jeff introduced Bobbi Paquin – Bobbi is the SABB Corporator along with Bob Klein. They are appointed by the Archbishop. The Corporators review Parish records, Finances, Security, Safety, Audits, etc. Meet twice a year with the Church and Pastoral Council.

1. Began meeting with a Prayer.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. Lectio Divina John 1:29-31

Council members read and shared their insights on the Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading")

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.

I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

The members shared some of the following insights:

- Talked about John and timing of baptism
- "Lamb Of God" Spoke of the suffering servant and using the image of the Lamb.
- John says "I do not know him" twice in the reading and until the Holy Spirit tells him.
- We discussed the followers of John versus the followers of Jesus and how they transitioned to Jesus at some point. This was also discussed during the last meeting.
- John takes away the affects of sin but Jesus takes away sin.
- John takes on the mission as he gets older; he is also in the desert for some time.
- John baptizes with water but Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

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3. SABB Update (Fr. Jeff)

- We did not get the grant needed for the Rain Water Remediation.
- We do have an audit scheduled for this year – March timeframe – Auditors are contractors and they will look at: Finances, Employee Records, STAND records. Etc. The report will be shared with Fr. Jeff, Corporators and Archdiocese.
- Fr. Jeff explained that we are good in terms of adhering to policies and to segregation of duties.
- Parish had a good Christmas – Masses were well attended; met our budget.
- Fr. Jeff reminded everyone about Volunteer Luncheon to be held this Sunday (1/15) after the 11:30 mass. Broadneck Grill is the caterer.
- He also discussed safety concerns on the Parish Office; several accidents have occurred there. Council members approved looking into installing a ramp in place of the steps. Members also approved looking into the installation of a sidewalk for the Preschool children to fun in parallel to the parking lot to keep the out of the parking lot as they go up to the playground.
- Any improvement over \$50,000 dollars has to be approved by the Archdiocese.
- Fr. Jeff will move forward with both requests.
- Update was provided on the Update on Archdiocese Reorganization:
 - Final recommendation scheduled for February.
 - Pastorate will eventually decide on which churches, schools are closed.
 - Do expect some appeals.

4. Divine Renovation – Chapter 5, pp. 123 - 153

- A great deal of discussion about Homilies. Talked about Seminarian's experience with training on Homilies. Compared that experience to Med School training.
- Most of the real training is obtained on the job-real life experience. Quote from page 125 "Introduction to Boring Preaching" or "How to Put Your Congregation to Sleep in Five Minutes"
- Spoke about sticking to the Scripture in the Homilies.
- How does one engage the younger generation; Middle-School children?
- Fr. Jeff shared the experience at Christmas Eve during the Children's Mass. He showed a short clip-on screen at Mass on Charlie Brown's Christmas as an example for the Children.
- On page 139; he talks about "Gen Xers, Generation after Baby Boomers, Millennials, or Gen Ys, those born after the early 80s, will not behave in any particular manner just because it is the way they are supposed to do".
- People line up today with their personal beliefs; this is different from the norm in the past. Do not look at Authority or Tradition as they did in the past.
- To have an effective Homily; you need to listen to people's experiences and tell life stories. Tell your story as a way of teaching.
- Talk about how you life has been affected in a real authentic way.
- How Has Christianity and Catholicism helped me?

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- Page 139 – The old order of “Behaving-Believing-Belonging” has changed. “Beliefs today are not about preaching and teaching but about trust through relationships, through caring and belonging”.
- Fr. Jeff shared that he often gets feedback on his Homilies; sometimes what they say the heard is not necessarily what he said.
- Some of approaches going forward: Name Tag Sunday – we will try Name Tag Sunday for about four Sundays in a row. We will try the Prayer Ministry after Mass. We have actually started this recently by saying the Rosary in the Chapel after the Masses. We will expand this into a Prayer Session in the future.
- We talked about a Gathering Space that they have at some Churches. Out Narthex tends to be gathering space at SABB although some folks tend to gather in the Church after Mass.
- Discussed what we could do to make folks feel more welcome at Church. Look at Parish Council members showing up early to welcome folks.
- Next Meet and Greet will be in February.
- How does one walk away feeling “WOW”
- Discussed the Gallup Survey – Those Engaged, Unengaged and Actively Disengaged. The number of those folks Engaged went up as the survey was conducted several times.
- **Reading for next Meeting– page 153-196.**

5. Winter Relief Shelter (M. Riggan)

- Approx 133 folks involved and a number of children participated in preparing 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 7 dinners; packing over 150 lunches, laundering over 30 bags of clothes, preparing 33 desserts, setting up and breaking down the tables and cots, and cleaning up the Hall and bathrooms, driving guests to showers at Y, signing up the volunteers and preparing much of the administrative work.
- The youth groups made the winter scarves and the young children who made the Christmas cards for our guests, as well as the children who helped in packing lunches and preparing and serving food.
- Special thanks goes to the 71 volunteers who 'hosted' the guests covering both night and day and the office staff who assisted in so many ways with the bulletin announcements; the sign up genius; STAND training; and ensuring that all administrative items were taken care of.
- Finally a great number of people participated by buying the supplies and food; from hams to apples, to paper plates and toilet paper; that were necessary to run the program.
- Guests were very appreciative of our service, many of them taking part by helping in the daily chores, and have shown that appreciation by sending Father Jeff a card thanking him and all of you for a comfortable and caring stay with us.
- Special note of recognition to Marge who is the Coordinator for the Shelter; she literally spends most of her time there during their stay.

6. Sister Parishes

- San Francisco de Asis

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- Any response about Unbound contacts, or other ideas to strengthen bonds and communications? Transfiguration. No Updates – Traci will follow-up with Helen about some ideas for the next meeting.

7. Ministries

- Ministry Profiles – Denise received positive feedback on Ministry form. Talked about help for some of the Ministry Leads and the Transition Plan.
- Need to engage new Parishioners.
- Ministry Fair - All ministries will be welcomed to have a display about their ministry at any of the Lenten Soup Suppers, which are the Fridays in Lent.
- "Ministry Fair" is any Friday in Lent in conjunction with the Lenten Soup Suppers.
- Some of the Leads spoke about needing new people.
- Some Ministry Leads may not know how to ask for support.
- Talk to folks who can provide support.
- Subcommittee was formed to plan a Ministry Summit in the Fall; that committee includes Fr, Jeff; Denise O'Neill; Tracey LaValle; Mary Jean Mollen.

8. Parish Honors Committee (S. Michaud)

- Parish Honors Mass – March 5 (11:30 A.M.) followed by a lunch in the upper hall.
- Susan will follow-up with Hospitality Committee.

9. Pastoral Council Discernment Process

- Need for a committee to review current process and update as needed.
- Rick will lead the committee; he will send out the current articles for review and suggestions.

10. Updates, New Business & Calendar

- Calendar Review – need to get a handle on the Pastoral Council discernment schedule.

11. Intercessory Prayer Intentions

- Suggested format: At the beginning start by saying "For whom shall we pray (please be comforted by letting us pray for those who are in need)," after each name the person speaking would say "Let us Pray" and everyone responds "Lord hear our prayer."

12. Closing – Parish Prayer to St. Andrew

Dear Holy Patron, St. Andrew, We pray to you for our Parish, our Community, and our Families.

Our Parish honors you because of your faith-filled response to the call of Jesus. As you brought your brother Simon Peter to the Lord, help us to lead the Community to a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus, O Holy Fisherman, guide us in our daily work and protect us when the waters of life become stormy.

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Care for us as a Parish touched by the beautiful waters of the Chesapeake and named in your honor.
Intercede for our families; provide for our sick and needy; love our children; and lead back to the Lord those who have faltered in their religious duties;
And bring us all at last to the joys of your company in eternal life, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Important Upcoming Dates

January 2016

9 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC (Brian may be on Travel)
9 – Need to discuss Discernment Process and Timing and Roll Out
7, 8 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
(15 – Volunteer Appreciation Event, 12:30 – 5 P.M. in the U)
(23 – March for Life)

February 2016

4, 5 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
6 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
6 – Need to discuss Discernment Process and Timing and Roll Out

March 2016

(1 – Ash Wednesday)
5 – Parish Honors Mass (11:30 A.M.) followed by a lunch in the upper hall
4, 5 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
6 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

April 2016

1, 2 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
3 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
(10 – 17 – Easter Break AACCS)
13 - 15 -- Triduum
16 – Easter
18, 25 or 25, 2 March – Discernment meetings, in ALC ????????????????

May 2016

1 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
7 – PC Donut Sunday **[Need to get volunteers for set-up and breakdown and check availability]**
?? – SABB Leadership Potluck?
27 – New PC Orientation and Officer Election
28 – 3 year terms end/begin for 4 old/4 new PC members

June 2016

2, 3 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
4 – Parish Picnic
5 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC