

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday March 06, 2017

Attendance: Brian Jordan, Mike Riggan, Chris Mirenzi, Marc Mckenna, Mary Jean Mollen, Denise O'Neill, Susan Michaud, Traci LaValle, Fr. Jeff Dausen, Mary Vartain, Roger Crane, Cathy Tengwall. Absent - Rick Brewer

1. Began Meeting with 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.

- **Brian thanked everyone who participated in the Parish Honors Program and Reception.**

2. Lectio Divina – Matthew 17: 1-2 ("Divine Reading")

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here.

If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them,

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Council members read and shared their insights on the Lectio Divina

- This past Sunday's Gospel – Temptation; then Transfiguration
- Similar images in both Gospels – the mountain and the word prostrate.
- Images as "his face shone like the sun and a **bright cloud** cast a shadow over them" – portrays closeness to God.
- Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. They represent the Old Testament
- Horns on statues of Moses built throughout Rome represented rays of light.
- Some powerful symbols such as the sun, the mountain.
- Do not be afraid
- On the way to Jerusalem-a glimpse of eternity, hope and light even on the way to death.
- Jesus is the Son of God as are all prophets Sons of God.

3. SABB Update (Fr. Jeff)

Annual Appeal

- The Annual Appeal will be announced in Masses this weekend; there will be a short video in the back of the Church.
- Our goal last year was \$78,100. To date we have raised \$89,882.
- This year, our goal is \$81,100 (goal is set by the Archdiocese, based on a formula based on a parish's ordinary income). The rebate we have received so far from last year's appeal is \$31,263.
- From this rebate, \$8,462 goes to our sister parishes, \$8,462 goes to SVDP, \$14,319 goes to tuition assistance and Catholic Schools (It's more because of a tuition assistance match program from the Archdiocese of Baltimore).
- Families send form to SABB Financial Council to be considered for tuition assistance.
- SABB tries to give a little money to each family.

Archdiocese Reorganization

- Final iteration of the Archdiocese Reorganization will take place this month.
- The Consultative Bodies, including Fr. Jeff, will be the first to see the plan
- The numerous consultations have impacted the decisions
- Fr. Jeff's old Parish will now have two Parishes versus five Parishes.
- St. Jane Francis and Our Lady of the Chesapeake will eventually have one Pastor; however, this will not happen until one Pastor retires.
- When the Pastor at Our Lady of the Chesapeake retires this year he will be replaced and will remain until the Pastor at St Jane retires. He will then take over both Parishes.

Budget

- SABB is in good shape budget wise.
- Funding for the new parking lot is available.
- Estimates for a new entrance were more than anticipated so they will now focus on using the Main entrance as the Office entrance.
- Also, looking at handicap access to Sanctuary.
- Other estimates included new doors, similar to those in the main entrance, for the classrooms. Also, looking at new lights in the Church.
- Fr. Jeff talked about the Grant and that we did not get the under \$50,000 grant we went for last year. Mel Wilkins thinks we should go for the next tier of grants which would be just under \$200,000. Thanked Cathy for staying on top of the Grant.
- Mel is looking into the best grants for us to consider. The \$200,000 Grant would include all of the proposed rain gardens, bio swells and conservation plantings that were on the Master Plan Vernon Husted did for us. When we went for the under \$50,000 grant we chose just one of those gardens to do.

4. Pastoral Council Discernment Process

- Brian will something together pertaining to the SABB Pastoral Council now to get folks thinking about it. Want to get something in the Church Bulletin in the upcoming weeks.
- Will look again at the SABB Pastoral Council Parish Mission Statement and pages 7-9 in the "Parish Pastoral Council Discerning New Members" attachment that Rick provided.
- Also, look at bulletin from last year – Kathy Beard will be able to provide a copy.
- Mark will assist Rick with the Discernment Process.

- Discernment Meeting Dates: Information Night (4/18) Discernment Meeting (4/25).

5. Divine Renovation – Chapter 5, pp. 153 – 196

- Where are we going with the discussion?
- How do we plan using this Book? Divine Renovation Group Discussion pamphlets.
- Brian suggested that we not ask as many questions and offering more suggestions.
- Fr. Jeff said we may want to consider working more with St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park. They have a Young Adult Fellowship that meets on Saturday night – Frassati Fellowship.
- Frassati Fellowship for Young Adults is a ministry geared towards meeting the needs of young adults, ages 18 to 39.
- We should talk to the Ministry chairs about help.
- Discussed Structural Support - Disciples versus Volunteers.
- Denise, Mary Jean and Traci will put something together for the Ministry Inventory – Profile and Inventory of Ministry. Some Chairs may not want to let go of their role as a Chair.
- Discussed a half day retreat with the Ministry Chairs and some of their committee members.
- Ministry Leadership Conference in the fall.
- We need to have the Ministry inventory sheets completed by April then look at using charts/Post Ems. We need to come up with our top three suggestions for what we want to work on at the May meeting.
- Liaisons should reach out to the Ministry Leads if you have not done so.
- Need to look at signs of healthy leadership.
- We discussed the comparisons to Culture Change in the business world and roles as change agents.
- Ministry inventory questions to be ready by April so the liaisons can reach out to the Ministry Chairs by April. Brian will send out the latest Parish Council Liaison and Ministry Chair List.
- Discussed Mary's notes from Adult Formation Committee.
- Encourage everyone at mass to be on the alert for new faces, to reach out in welcome them.
- Change up the standard pre-mass announcements to welcome new parishioners.
- Name tag Sundays once a month, additional welcoming ministers, welcome packets.
- Discussed future planning in conjunction with the Divine Renovation. In keeping with the theme in this chapter; when we discuss "This is what the Parish expects". Fr. Jeff mentioned:
 - Two thirds of registered families are not active in the parish and are not coming to Mass.
 - One half of the children in our faith formation programs are not coming to Mass.
 - Two thirds of the families who request a baptism are not practicing their faith and not participating at Mass.
- How do we address these concerns? When we brainstorm in May, this should be one our top three goals.

- We need to try to finish the book during the next few meetings and bring your top three suggestions for what we want to work on at the May meeting.

6. Updates, New Business & Calendar

- Update from any ministries
- Calendar Review – need to get a handle on the Pastoral Council discernment schedule

7. 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.” **The Intercessory Prayers will be sent in a separate attachment.**

8. 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.

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

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 - 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

