

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday September 11, 2017

Attendance: Chuck Simpson, Fr. Jeff Dauses, Cathy Tengwall, Mary Jean Mollen, Traci LaValle, Mary Vartain, Susan Michaud, Sarah Smith, Brian Jordan, Marc Mckenna, Denise Crothers, Kate Crothers, Mike Riggan. Absent: Denise O'Neill,

- **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.

- **Divine Renovation** ("Divine Reading") Gospel [Mt 18:21-35](#) - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart?"

- Traci asked that we try a different approach this time. We will read the Gospel twice before we begin our discussions/reflections. The Council members also agreed that we not include our discussions/reflections in the minutes going forward.

- **Discussion Items**
 - **Introductions including Kate Crothers** – Council Members went around the table and introduced themselves including Kate who is new Youth representative.
 - **Our Commitment to Each Other** – Traci talked about our commitment to one another, spiritual development, advisors, and open communication.
 - We also discussed the stages of Team Development: Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing. Team agreed at this stage we were probably in the Forming Stage.
 - Traci stated that it is alright to disagree but to be polite.
 - Discussed that there are different types of communication; some folks process internally before speaking.
 - Give everyone a chance to speak.
 - We will spend more time at the retreat to get to know one another. Need to put an agenda together. There are several items that need to be discussed. When do we want to schedule the retreat?
 - **Plan for the Year**
 - Fr. Jeff spoke about role of Pastoral Council; members are not needed to manage the Parish. Management is being care for by the staff. Council should help with spiritual life, relationship with God and helping the parishioners.
 - Talked about Donut Sunday; just need folks to support.
 - Vision
 - Divine Renovation-Where are we? Where does God want us?
 - Reboot Outreach – New Evangelization – Our Lady of the Fields in Millersville has already started the program.
 - SABB will be participating in the program.
 - We will meet once a month; there are 15 people at this time. Team can use more men. Chuck and Marc agreed to join the team. The first Meeting will be held on September 24 after the 11:30 Mass.
 - Council should be the voice of the honest truth.
 - **Important Dates**
 - Talked about the calendar and dates (see calendar for more details)/
 - Originally Council Retreat slotted for October 14; we are now looking at a date in November – 4, 11, 18. **Traci will send out a Doodle Invite with dates in November to select – Complete – Doodle Invite was sent out.**
 - We will need Council Members to help with name tags before and after masses on September 23/24.
 - Discussed the Ministry Summit schedule for October 28. What does it take to be a Ministry Liaison? Some Ministries need more help. Will discuss in more detail at the next Meeting. Traci, Denise, Mary Jean and Sue will provide Ministry summaries at the next Meeting.
 - **Pastoral Council Liaisons**
 - Discussed updated to the Liaison List; **Fr. Jeff will update the Ministry Liaison List – Complete – Updated list was sent out.**
 - New Director of Liturgy and Music - Rachel Sitomer
 - New Social Committee Chari – Kim Lynch
 - **Committees**

- Will need someone to work on Parish Honors – Susan (Chair) Team: Cathy, Chuck, Sarah and Mike
 - Discernment – Marc (Chair) Team: Brian, Denise Crothers
 - Discussed Divine Renovation, Ministry Summit.
 - Cathy mentioned that we did not get the grant again, she will keep trying.
 - Talked about “Caring for Creation” and talked about educating parishioners on recycling. Council felt that this falls under Stewardship.
 - We can use Pope Francis’s Encyclical on the Environment as a discussion point – Earth Ministry.
 - Moral and spiritual transformation in our connection to Earth.
 - Also talked about Earth Day coming up on April 22.
- **Fr. Jeff Updates**
 - Rachel Sitomer is the new Director of Liturgy and Music.
 - Still in the process of getting a new person to manage the Nursery
 - Parish Picnic went well; had some minor issues with folks using the microphone during Mass on the Grass
 - Picnic next year will be on September 9 after 11:30 Mass on the Grass.
 - Parking Lot Repairs were completed on schedule and under budget.
 - Storm drains had to be replaced; however, still came under budget.
 - All major doors have now been replaced. Posts with chains have also been added to prevent folks from getting on the lot during off hours.
 - Visit to Sister Parish San Francisco De Asis in El Salvador went well; it was a real eye opener. Regardless of the struggles our Sister Parish folks face day to day, they never forget their faith.
 - Fr. Jeff encouraged members to attend the next visit. He also mentioned that we will be soliciting contributions towards scholarships for students at our sister parish San Francisco de Asis. More information will be available in the bulletin in the next couple of weeks.
 - **Intercessory Prayer Intentions**
 - Traci began the Prayer Intentions
 - Leader: For whom shall we pray (please be comforted by letting us pray for those who are in need)”
 - Council members: State the prayer request and “Let us Pray”
 - Everyone responds, “Lord hear our prayer”
 - Council members agreed that we not include the Prayer Intentions in the minutes going forward.
 - **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

SABB Pastoral Council Calendar (Updates in Red)

September 2017

9 – Parish Picnic

11 – Pastoral Council Meeting

- Plan for the year
- Committees and Ministry Liaisons

23&24 – Welcome Sunday (name tags and engagement over donuts). **Council Members to assist with name tags before and after Mass.**

October 2017

2 - Pastoral Council Meeting

- Ministry Assessments and Ministry Summit – **Traci and committee will bring Ministry feedback/summaries and Summit Agenda**
- **Role of Sister Parishes**

7&8 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

28 - Ministry Summit 8:00AM - noon in Upper Hall

November 2017

6 - Pastoral Council Meeting

- Committee reports on timing of discernment process and parish honors
- Set date for December Potluck

4&5 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

TBD - Annual Sister Parish Covenant Renewal, 5 PM Mass followed by reception in Upper Hall

TBD - Pastoral Council Retreat

December 2017

4 - Pastoral Council Meeting

- **Reboot**

2&3 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

TBD - SABB Leadership Potluck Dinner

26–2 Jan – Winter Relief Shelter

January 2018

8 - Pastoral Council Meeting

- **Role of Youth Representative**

6&7 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

February 2018

5 - Pastoral Council Meeting

- **Reboot**

3&4 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

14 - Ash Wednesday

March 2018

5 - Pastoral Council Meeting

7 - Reboot

3&4 Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

TBD - Parish Honors Mass

TBD - Pastoral Council Discernment Meetings

April 2018

1- Easter Sunday

7&8 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

9 - Pastoral Council Meeting

TBD - Pastoral Council Discernment Meetings

May 2018

7- Pastoral Council Meeting

5&6 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

6 - Pastoral Council hosts donut Sunday

TBD - SABB Leadership Potluck

TBD - New Pastoral Council Orientation and Officer Election

End of May 3 year terms end/begin for 4 old/4 new PC members

June 2018

4 - Pastoral Council Meeting

- Set tentative date for Pastoral Council retreat in September

2&3 - Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)

TBD - Parish Picnic