

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday March 5, 2018

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

- **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 Lectio Divina** ("Divine Reading") 4th Sunday in Lent Year B - JN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

- **Discussion Items**

- **Parish Honors reception** (Susan)

- We had 31 nominations this year versus 8 last year. Started the announcements earlier this year.
- Council Members should plan to be at the Parish Hall at 9AM to help setup. Laura Griffin will also help.
- Honorees and Council Members should go the front of the Church to present the awards.
- Mike is picking up the cake. Cathy will pick up the fruit.
- Susan will go over around 12:15 to get things started; should plan on cleaning up around 1:30.
- Denise volunteered to take pictures of the award winners.

- **Committee Report on Discernment Process** (Marc, Brian and Denise)

- Marc covered the highlighted the following bullets during the Discernment discussion:
- Discernment comes from a Latin word meaning "to sift apart".

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- When we discern, we try to “sift apart” different possibilities in the hopes of finding the one that is most positive and life giving.
- The discipline and practice of discernment can happen on a variety of levels (in seriousness and life impact) and in different circumstances (i.e. trying to determine which college to attend, discerning between different job possibilities or possible areas to move to).
- We are focusing on discernment in terms of serving as a member on our parish’s council.
- We don’t have to “go it alone.” We believe that God is involved in our lives and that God has a specific calling for each and every one of us. God will not overwhelm our efforts to determine our calling in life but neither is God distant and unconcerned about us and where we are in life. God is involved in our lives. If we are open, God will help us. We just need to learn to listen to how God speaks in our lives and learn how to trust in His will for us.
- Joy is the surest indicator of the presence of God. We need to acknowledge and mark what brings us joy in life. Here it is helpful to distinguish joy from happiness. Happiness is more fleeting; it can rise and fall very easily. Joy is different. It is rooted in the deepest part of our being and therefore is more constant and sure. Joy can even be present in the midst of struggles and difficulties in life. In discerning our participation within the council, one should note where one finds joy. It is a good indicator for us.
- Discernment is the **willingness to take the next step**. When Jesus originally called Peter, he did not say “Oh and by the way, I will change your name, you will walk on water, you will deny me but then turn back in repentance and I will build my Church upon your faith.” Rather he said, “Follow me.” “Take the next step.” The next step may be reading this reflection, it may be making the decision to regularly attend a weekday Mass or make a Holy Hour or go on a mission trip. It may mean making the decision to talk to your parish priest or another member of the council. No one, at the moment, has it all figured out. Jesus does not ask this nor does he expect it. Discernment is the willingness to take the next step in order to see where it leads and to trust in that decision
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- Discernment – in the Catholic Church – is a two-way street. Just as a person discerns a possible participation within the council, so too does the “Church” (through her appointed representatives – council members) discern if a particular man or woman has such a calling. This understanding of discernment calls for honesty, trust, prayerful attentiveness, a willingness to let go of self and respect among all who are involved.
- If God calls you, then God will sustain you. Discernment is a lifelong journey. Within the journey there are moments and experiences of profound joy and awe but also moments of struggle and discouragement

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as well as countless “ordinary” days. Discernment means learning to recognize the presence of God in all situations and seasons and trusting that God will see us through. It also means learning to be open to the way God chooses to sustain us in whatever circumstance we find ourselves.

- Marc will send out copies of the Discernment information shared during the meeting. He will also send out copies of the announcements to be used at the Masses and included in the bulletin. Both the announcement and the bulletin update have been reduced. Announcement will only be about four sentences.
- First meeting will be the Pastoral Council Discernment Process - Information Session on April 17-ALC.
- The Second meeting will be the Pastoral Council Discernment Process - Discernment Session on April 24-ALC.
- **Role of Youth Representative (All)**
 - Council Members decided that it was a good idea to have a youth on the Council.
 - Kate would be a great fit as a representative on the Council.
 - Discussed two-year terms for the youth reps. The last six months they will act as a mentor the next rep.
 - See if Kate can sit with the small groups at prep classes to get their insights.
- **Committee report on Call to Serve/Spring Ministry Summit**
 - Ministry Summit scheduled for May 5
 - Chuck was not present; Denise will follow up with Chuck.
 - Denise will not be able to attend; she will be attending her son’s graduation.
- **Update on Grant (Cathy)**
 - Last two years SABB has applied for two grants:
 - Chesapeake Bay Trust
 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
 - With guidance from Vernon Husted, landscape architect, we have received feedback from the county and CBT as to what we can do to have a better chance to receive a grant.
 - Competition has become fierce. Many applicants have resources that give them the ability to present more information, such as, survey and design services, grading permits, soil borings, etc. Since SABB does not have the resources to pay for those upfront the County suggested we look to a grant that can fund this first phase of the grant process.
 - We are looking to submit a Watershed Assistance Grant to help the us fund the necessary design plans through AA County Watershed Protection and Restoration Program this year. Assuming we are awarded one the next year we would apply for a Watershed Restoration Grant.
- **Reboot update (Mary Jean)**
 - A number of the Council members will be attending. Mary Jean was correct, Reboot is sold out.

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- **SABB update (Fr. Jeff)**
 - Staff Receptionist Trina will be going on Maternity Leave; not sure about her return. Currently training another parishioner to take her place.
 - Vandal who destroyed the parking lot after it was resurfaced will be paying \$60 dollars a month for five years.
 - He will also write a letter of apology that will appear in the bulletin as part of his probation.
 - Fr. Jeff said that Vernon will be paid to build the new plaza to replace the existing concrete plaza with pavers and a marble statue of St. Andrew, carved in Italy, with an anchor at his feet. Steps will disappear and replaced with pavers. Look for details this summer.
 - Archdiocese has decided that Outdoor weddings will now be allowed
 - We received a nice letter from the House of Hope thanking us for our Winter Shelter.
 - Fr. Jeff spoke about the Dynamic Catholic; Scott Carson material – CDs and books will be available after Mass at the Welcome Booth once a month.
 - Do not anticipate any Staff turnover.
 - Preschool is doing well; don't forget to vote YES for SABB in the Capital Gazette. Voting is open from March 4-18.
 - Day Care Center is doing well – vote Yes!
 - We will be transitioning all lighting at the Church to L.E.D.
 - SABB will host Earth Day (4/22); there will be 17 vendors.
 - **Hope for All** will be collecting Household goods, clothing, etc.
- **Important dates**
 - Reboot - March 7, 7-9:30 PM at Archbishop Spalding
 - Parish Honors Mass and Reception March 11.
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 - Earth Day – April 22
 - Ministry Spring Summit – May 5 – Upper Hall
- **Intercessory 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**

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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

March 2018

5 Pastoral Council Meeting

7 Reboot
11 Parish Honors Mass & Reception
TBD Pastoral Council discernment meetings

April 2018

9 Pastoral Council Meeting

- Donut Sunday
- Potluck

1 Easter
17 Pastoral Council Discernment Process - Information Session 1
22 Earth Day
24 Pastoral Council
I Discernment Process - Discernment Session 2

May 2018

7 Pastoral Council Meeting

5 Spring Ministry Summit
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

2 & 3 Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
TBD Parish Picnic

Next session dates to hold

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10 Pastoral Council Retreat