

St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 23, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 6:40: p.m.

P	Rev. Gideon Buja	P	Sr. Jennifer Daul	P	Judy Schneidewent
	Rev. Shijo Thomas	P	Don Dobbs		Darrell Maciejewski Trustee Treasurer
P	Mary Jo Bellinger	P	Reyna Morales		Jeff Pucel Trustee Secretary
E	Patti Bohlman	P	Mary Ann Nemeth		
P	Warren Bonn		Adam Schelske		

Opening Prayer: A Servant Leadership Prayer based on Philipians 2:1-11

Reading: Mark 10: 46-52

Reflection

Approval of the minutes of June 26, 2024 and September 25, 2024.

June 26, 2024 Move to approve: Sr. Jennifer; second Reyna Morales; approved

September 25, 2024 Move to approve Mary Ann Nemeth; Second Patti Bohlman approved

Old Business:

Revisit ideas suggested at the June 26, 2024 meeting to invite new members, returning members, and families with children.

- **Selecting a specific ministry and highlight the activities/achievements**
 - Write up information about one committee/commission per month to be published in the bulletin and monthly newsletter.
 - Patti Bohlman volunteered to take responsibility for this item.
- **Actively recruiting members for the commissions/committees**
 - This is included with the previous item.
- **Hosting a Parish Mission**
 - Fr. Gideon: some people from both parishes are interested in having a bi or tri parish mission.
 - The goal is to organize a committee consisting of Fr. Gideon, Fr. Shijo, and one parishioner from each parish by the end of January.

- o Fr. Gideon will check with St. James to see if they want to be included.
 - o The committee will report back to the Parish Council.
- **Create a vibrant presence on social media (i.e. Instagram, to engage a younger group.)**
 - o Mary Duffy takes care of the parish Facebook page.
 - o Whatever is posted on Facebook can also be posted on Instagram.
 - o Patti Bohlman will speak to Jenny Sczesny to ask if Mary could take care of both social media sites.
 - o It was also brought up that by "liking," "sharing," or "commenting" on what is posted on Facebook we are able to spread the information to a wider audience.
 - o We can encourage our parishioners to Like us on Facebook and to spread the information by means of the bulletin, or school news.
- Engage Fr. Presutti, SJ for a Mass and Lecture
- **Begin the "Name Badge Sunday" initiative started in the Archdiocese**
 - o This is an Archdiocesan program. The title is actually "Name Tag Sunday."
 - o Everyone will be asked to wear name tags both at the Saturday and Sunday Masses.
 - o The purpose is to get to know each other's names, to make people feel more at home and to build community.
 - o We would have this coincide with Café Sunday beginning in January, and promote Café Sunday as well.
 - o This event needs to be promoted and explained ahead of time.
 - Fr. Gideon will ask Deb Barchus to prepare something for the bulletin and monthly newsletter.
 - Fr. Gideon and Fr. Shijo will promote the event at the end of Mass.
 - Promotion should begin in November to get people excited.
 - o The ushers need to be prepared ahead of time.
 - Warren will speak to Lizzy ahead of the November Prayer and Worship Town Hall meeting to make sure she is informed ahead of time.
 - Name tags and sharpies will be available at the main entrance and at the side entrances.

- Council members will be available to help out as needed.
- **Prepare some activities to encourage people to interact with people they do not know at large parish functions (i.e. Café Sunday, Auction Dinner, Parish Picnic.)**
 - Café Sunday, Auction Dinner, and Parish Picnic are established events. They will now be under the revised Parish Life Committee.
 - The Parish Life Committee will promote additional new events.

New Business:

1. One goal for this year: engaging families.
 - a. The roles of the Parish Life Committee and the Home and School Committee.
 - i. The Parish Life Committee
 1. Deb Barchus is the staff liaison for the committee.
 2. Adam Schelske had a list of previous events that had been sponsored by this committee in the past.
 3. The committee is planning a "Card Night"
 - a. Bring your own cribbage board etc.
 - b. Board games could be included.
 - c. Light refreshments would be provided.
 - d. Making this a family night was suggested.
 - e. February 22 is the tentative date. Only adults at this time.
 4. A summer "Beer Garden" event is also being discussed.
 - a. Games such as Corn Hole would be included.
 - b. Including a food truck was suggested.
 5. A Lenten Fish Fry is being planned. Adam will take charge of this event.
 - a. He will find capable cooks.
 - b. Students needed service hours will also be enlisted.
 - b. What authority does the Pastoral Council have to give direction to the Home and School Committee?
 - i. Our role is to be supportive.

2. Parish Mission

- a. Joint bi- or tri- parish mission with St. Roman and, perhaps, St. James.
- b. To be held in the fall of 2025 or the spring of 2026.

This topic was covered in Old Business.

Commission Reports: Please send your reports to all council members ahead of time.

- Prayer and Worship—Warren Bonn
 - The Prayer and Worship Commission will hold two Town Hall meetings per year. The first is scheduled for November 17th. All ministers involved in prayer and worship ministries will be involved.
 - Security during and after Mass was addressed. It was suggested that the bathrooms and other “hiding” places be checked before the doors are locked at the end of Mass.
- Formation—Sister Jennifer Daul—deferred to Patti Bohlman
 - What was previously called the Evangelization Commission is now the Adult Formation Committee.
 - A book study on Carlo Acutis is in progress. There are six daytime members and four evening Zoom members.
 - Sister Janet will be leading a “Holiday Prayer and Ornament” session in December.
 - We will have a speaker on December 4th.
- Human Concerns—Reyna Morales
 - A donation is being given to Fr. Presutti and the home he sponsors.
 - It was suggested that Fr. Presutti’s ministry be considered for the Advent Giving Tree, but this year’s gifts have already been committed.
- School—Mary Ann Nemeth
 - They plan to bring back room parents.
 - They will have a “No Sale” fund raiser.
 - A Glow Dance is planned.
 - There will be an open gyn night.
 - They sponsored a Trunk and Treat event.

- o The principal reported on the Catholic School Walk.
- o They need to "flesh out" the school website.
- o The school would like to have their own Facebook page.

- Parish Life—Adam Schelske
 - o Covered above.

- Stewardship—Don Dobbs
 - o Pledge cards will go out in November
 - o They will be recruiting for Commission members.

- Finance Council—Patti Bohlman
 - o The parish renewed its lease with Seaton.
 - o The parish received the National Security Grant for \$450,000.
 - o A part time maintenance person was hired.
 - o Repairs have been made to the convent and the school.
 - o The picnic had a \$1000 loss.
 - o The auction has received \$5130 from sponsors.
 - o The mission income was \$22,239.31.

Pastor's Report

The goal is to engage families—school families. Some are parishioners and some are not.

- Send a monthly newsletter from the parish to school families.
- Build up report.
- Personal invitation to parish events.
- Pastoral elements: receive the Sacraments, bless homes, talk about what is happening in their lives.
- Get at least 10% to engage.
- Let ideas come from the Home and School commission.

Additional concern

A parishioner has asked about posting information about weddings, funerals, and Baptisms.

- Warren will look into this and report back to the council.
- Permission should be obtained.

- There could be a link on our website to obituaries.
- Someone would have to take this on as the staff already has a lot to do.

Opening and closing prayer leader for the next meeting.

Warren Bohn will take care of both opening and closing prayers.

Sister Jennifer moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Adam seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The next meeting is on December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Schneidewent

secretary