

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Meeting in Dominican Hall
Minutes 10-22-18

Present: Father Matthew Widder, Father Gideon Buya (arriving late), Vern Baus, Jeanne Bitkers, Brad Bulkow, Tom Clarke, Pat Dinolfo, Tom Dinolfo, Rosa Flores (arriving late), Laura Graney, Mary Greeneway, Steve Heun, Don Holmes, Jane Kautzer, Michele Konrad, Peggy Kress, Kym Leibham, Kate Nienhuis, Mary Petrie, Jeremy Rauwerdink, Maureen Stoelb, and Bea Van Geffen

Excused: Rhonda Fouts, Vince Karls, Joe Leonard, and Steve Scharrer

Prior to the official start of the meeting, Chairperson Jeanne Bitkers read an excerpt from the Gospel describing the miracle that occurred at the "Wedding Feast at Cana", ending with the phrase, "Do Whatever He Tells You!" She reminded SNCP Pastoral Council members that Fr. Pat Heppe would be leading our "Evening of Reflection", on November 26, 2018. Everyone was asked to jot down ideas for Fr. Heppe to address that evening.

Chairperson Jeanne Bitkers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Peggy Kress led us in an opening prayer.

We then moved to a "Circle Time" discussion facilitated by Michele Konrad, Vice-chair. Each SNCP Pastoral Council member was asked to join one of the three workgroups set up this evening to address specific action steps needed to achieve our 2018-19 goals (Key Strategies):

Strategy # 6 - Answering OUR CALL TO SERVE (our work that started with the Catholic Charities presentation and has evolved into Immigrant/Refugee work with an emphasis on a closer working relationship with the Hispanic population at our St. Clement parish and indirectly with Holy Name of Jesus and St. Dominic parishes)

LAURA GRANEY - CIRCLE LEADER

Strategy # 7- Emphasizing the CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

KATE NIENHUIS - CIRCLE LEADER

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Strategy # 8 - WELCOMING others to the CELEBRATION OF OUR FAITH (Mass)

STEVE HEUN - CIRCLE LEADER

After spending about 45 minutes on this "Circle Time" activity, the total SNCP Pastoral Council reconvened. A representative from each workgroup was asked to give a short synopsis of recommended action steps to meet their respective goal (strategy). A copy of their recommendations is on file (with the Vice Chair - Michele Konrad) for further development and implementation.

A common thread among all three goals (strategies) appears to be the word "Welcome!"

The consent agenda containing the September 24, 2018 meeting minutes and the October 2018 Committee Reports was approved. Clarification was made regarding who is responsible for submitting a committee report. The liaison does not need to submit a separate report, if there is an official minute taker at the committee meeting. But, either the liaison or the minute taker should send a copy of the minutes to our SNCP Pastoral Council Recording Secretary - Laura Graney.

Pastors' Reports:

Father Matthew mentioned that finance reports are available from each respective Finance Council Parish Representative -- Brad Bulkow (SD) and Steve Heun (HNJ).

An "Amazing Parish" Conference was held in Milwaukee, from October 17th through October 19th. Amazing Parish is a national organization that combines the best of business practices with the best in evangelization to help parishes live out their mission. Representatives from our SNCP that attended this conference along with Fr. Matthew and Fr. Gideon included: Jeanne Bitkers, Tom Dinolfo, Julie Engman and Edie Morrison.

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Fr. Matthew announced a new outreach initiative between the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and Holy Name of Jesus parish entitled, "Warming the World". The premise behind this project is to mobilize the world to make blankets and quilts. Our target goal is 200. More information will be forthcoming.

On December 4th, Lisa Heun will be leading an "Advent by Candlelight" event to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season.

Fr. Gideon reminded SNCP Pastoral Council members that the Tripartite Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service between St. Dominic, St. Peter Lutheran and Grace Episcopal UCC will be on Wednesday, November 21st at 7 PM, at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

The Thanksgiving Eve Service between St. Clement and First Presbyterian Church will be held at First Presbyterian Church this year. Fr. Gideon is trying to encourage all five churches involved with Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services, to consider the concept of "How can we do things together?" in order to improve participation at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Old Business:

Developing a support/social group for students (high school grads) that are developmentally delayed and not going to college. Recommendation made to forward this to Faith Formation Committee for further review.

"Making Spirits Bright" is in need of additional volunteers. Friday, December 28th is the day selected for SNCP volunteers to participate. Food donations from this event directly benefit our Northside Christian Food Pantry (housed by SD). Names should be submitted to Laura TeWinkle by November 1st.

New Business:

On November 17th, from 9 AM to 3 PM, the "Lady Knights Fundraiser" will be held at the SD-PAC. Money raised from this event will be used to support

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the Shaw playground. Food donations will directly benefit our Northside Christian Food Pantry.

Our SNCP Pastoral Council Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 17th at SC-Dominican Hall beginning approximately at 6 PM. We will invite Junta (Hispanic Parish Council) to join us. Beth Munns, the SD—Music Director will lead us in English/Spanish songs and hymns. Meal will be pot luck style. Pat Dinolfo and Rosa Flores will coordinate this event. More details to follow.

A request has been made to have the SNCP Pastoral Council Agendas and Minutes posted on the HNJ/SC and SD websites. Recommended as an agenda item for November 2018 meeting.

Next meeting: November 26, 2018 at **SD** (**not** SC-Dominican Hall)

Mass at 5:30 PM in memory of Fr. Dan Lasecki

Catered meal (by Czech's Please) at approximately 6:00 PM.

Laura will send out more information in the near future, as a "head count" is needed.

"Evening of Reflection" By Fr. Pat Heppe

SNCP Pastoral Council Meeting to follow

*Note: Meal, "Evening of Reflection" and SNCP Pastoral Council Meeting will be held in **SD-Aquinas Room**.

Reports for the Consent Agenda are due by November 15th.

Please send to laura9326@charter.net

Closing Prayer: Jeremy Rauwerdink led us in the recitation of the "Hail Mary" at the end of our meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Graney, recording secretary