

Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles

1. **Eucharistic Adoration** (Church)
2. **Procedural Matters:**
 - a. **Roll Call:** Members Present: St. Charles- Jose Rojas, Alma Chavez, Paul Reisdorf, Vicki Gathje. Dale Gathje (SCB Trustee invited by Fr Tim)
Holy Redeemer-Deb Loftus, Keith Troke, Mary Matzke, Chris Johnson. Jane Hobbs & Brian Ideker (HR Trustees invited by Fr Tim).
Staff-Fr. Tim, Becky Storey Hunder, Bridgid Smith and Deacon Placido Zavala
 - b. **Appoint a Secretary:** Vicki asked if there were any nominations to be secretary for the council. None were given, Becky will continue as secretary. Vicki asked the council to prayerfully consider taking on this task.
 - c. **Approval of Minutes:** Vicki asked the council to take a moment and review the minutes from the September 2017 meeting. After review/discussion, Keith Troke made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes made by the council. Mary Matzke 2nd the motion. Motion passed unopposed.
 - d. **Additions to & Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda was reviewed by council. Keith Troke motioned acceptance of agenda as written, Paul Reisdorf 2nd, motion approved unopposed.
3. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Liturgy Committee:** Fr Tim requested we pass the agenda item.
 - b. **Education Committee:** Bridgid Smith reported that being new to the program, she feels very welcomed at both parishes. Some of the activities the Faith Formation Youth have been doing have brought a lot of joy to Bridgid and her role. The monthly youth Masses, having youth serve the All Saints day Mass, sharing/teaching different types of prayer with the older students and forming a prayer squad with the adults and hosting a teacher night have all been activities that Bridgid has help facilitate this semester. Looking forward Bridgid has the following goals and activities to plan for:
 - i. **Curriculum:** Still researching and putting together a scope and sequence for the teachers to use so they know exactly the things they should be teaching in each grade.
 - ii. **Steubenville:** Currently requiring students to attend the conference being held July 13-15. If any council members knows a student to contact, please let Bridgid know.
 - iii. **Totus Tuus:** The parishes will again host a Totus Tuus Team for youth in all grades to participate. The week we will host is yet to be determined.
 - iv. **Camp Summit:** We are again encouraging middle school youth to attend the annual Camp Summit camp put on by the Diocese of Winona. Dates for this camp have yet to be determined.
 - v. **Notre Dame Leadership Conference:** Bridgid is currently talking to some students about attending this week long leadership training. Would like to get some youth leaders at both parishes to help in getting their peers more involved.
 - vi. **Unite:** Planning is taking place to attend a "Unite" evening in Rochester. The goal being to connect youth in our parishes with a broader group of Catholics, share the faith with the whole church.
 - vii. **Teacher and Family Formation:** Would like to have more opportunities for our teachers and adults to be enriched in their faith, to be fed, so they can more fully share the faith with their students.
 - viii. **Discussion/Questions:**
 1. Keith Troke asked if there were going to be anymore youth nights? Bridgid noted that there needs to be more trained adults to facilitate those events and that there have been other youth activities happening, making it hard to set up another.

2. Dale Gathje asked if there were other dates for Steubenville that we could attend, since the July 13-15 date conflicts with the Winona County Fair. Bridgid said that yes, there are other dates, but we usually try to go to the Rochester Conference because of the proximity and it offers more openings/space. The other Conferences close to us have a cap on how many students they will allow and they usually fill up within a day of opening the spots. Makes it hard to add onto your group. Bridgid is working with those students who cannot go because of the fair, to get them involved with other activities.
3. Alma Chavez told Fr Tim that she is willing to help teach any of the Hispanics who need RCIA to get 1st Communion or Confirmation. Fr Tim thanked her and asked if he could meet with her and Deacon following the meeting.

4. Old Business:

- a. **Stewardship Sunday:** Fr Tim reported that he would like to have a Stewardship Sunday this Spring following Easter when peoples energy and spirituality are higher. Would be a time for people to sign up for Liturgy roles and bring awareness of the ministries offered in the parishes. The ideal would be to have a Ministry fair with booths for people to go to and get information and have their questions answered. Fr Tim does not know if we will be able to do this model this year or not. If we do not do a fair, we will do an in pew solicitation.

5. New Business:

- a. **Living Lent 2018:** Fr Tim proposed a Lenten Program being offered by Renew Ministries called "Living Lent". He noted that discipleship works best with small faith sharing groups and this program uses that model. It is a 5-6 week program that includes small group leaders trained in the material. Groups would be held at the churches or in people's homes, depending on when and how the small group leaders want to facilitate it. The faith sharing books are \$7.95, Fr Tim would like the parishes to cover some of the cost of the books and have the group participants pay a small portion. Fr Tim noted that we would need to start small and grow. He is currently calling people to ask them to be small group leaders and to attend a training coming up soon. The program is also offered in Spanish so we can create small group opportunities for our whole community.
 - i. **Hispanic Retreat:** Alma asked the Hispanic Community could look at dates to facilitate a Lenten Retreat. They would like to do it Feb 24th either at SCB or HR. Becky said we could look at a calendar after the meeting. They will be contacting Fr Louis to see if he is available.
 - ii. **Stations of the Cross at HR:** Options on when to have Stations of the Cross were discussed. Keith thought maybe Wednesday nights and incorporate it in with the youth prayer. Fr Tim will consider and discuss with Bridgid.
- b. **Annual Diocese Appeal Projects:** Fr Tim announce the ministry goals for 2018. Holy Redeemer's is \$9,730 (a \$740 increase) and St. Charles Borromeo's is \$23,120 (a \$1670 increase). Holy Redeemer has not reached their 2017 goal yet (Jane Hobbs noted that HR parish usually pays their shortfall) and St Charles has not reached their 2017 goal and are making payments on their shortfalls from 2015 & 2016. Fr Tim would like the parishes to attach a project to the appeal to help people engage or get excited about a project. He feels St. Charles will need a little education on making sure people know that money given to the appeal does not go toward lawsuits. In the past Appeals that have a project attached to their goal are more successful. If a project is not attached, Fr Tim would like to make sure the appeal is budgeted at each parish. Fr Tim asked the council members to talk to parishioners and get ideas on what they think they would like to see done or get feedback on project ideas. We will meet after the Masses the weekend of Feb 10/11 to report what you found out.
 - i. **Revisit Education Committee Report:** Fr Tim asked to go back in the Agenda to the Education portion. Fr Tim passed out a job description.

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Director of Evangelization and Christian Formation

The Director of Evangelization and Christian Formation upholds the mission of the Church to evangelize and bring others to Christ. This position has a dual leadership role that works simultaneously:

1. Evangelization which advocates the implementation of the goals of Go and Make Disciples within the active community; the inactive community and the unchurched.
2. Catechesis which is the overall responsibility for the parish catechetical formation of children, youth and adults.

Critical to the position is the ability to utilize and incorporate new media and communication methods and explore new approaches to Christian Formation in order to form disciples who make disciples.

Currently Bridgid is applying to Graduate School and does not plan on being here next year. The ideal would be to hire 2 full time people to fill the needs of the parishes. The budget may only allow for 1 full time and 1 part time. There is a need for more adult education & more faith sharing groups. Empower the Adults and the youth will follow. Dale Gathje suggested hiring 2 full time and trusting that the money will be there.

- c. **Wisdom of Separate Councils:** Fr Tim proposed having the parish councils meet separately to save the parish council members time that can be spent on issues for their individual parishes, but he does not want to tear down anything that may have taken awhile to build up. It was noted by a couple council members that they did not want to have to go through a repeat of council meetings again where discussions got very heated. The councils are in a good place and they do not want to lose that. After discussion, Paul Reisdorf made a motion to separate the parish council meetings but to have a minimum of 2 meetings, more if needed, together. Chris Johnson 2nd. Motion carried unopposed.
6. **Next Meeting:** Scheduling of the next meetings was tabled, will be announced later.
7. **Notes for the Bulletin:** Fr Tim asked the Council what they would like to share in the bulletin about this meeting. Input was given.
8. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Tim thanked the council for their presence and led the council in prayer. St Charles members were asked to stay for a Springfest Meeting.