

In Attendance:

All

Length of Meeting:

Approximately 100 minutes

Minutes:

1. Opening prayer by Father Tim
2. Dick Polley distributed updated Mission Statement which was ratified – notification to appear in bulletin
3. Decision made to break into smaller task groups in between monthly full council meetings in order to focus on key events/tasks
4. Held brainstorming session on Bible Study Group
 - a. St Boniface does not have such a group nor do they know of one
 - b. Open discussions on the concerns on how to properly focus this effort to be a productive, Catholic community experience
 - c. Discussion on the limitations of Catholics in understanding of Bible in relation to other Christians
 - d. Discussion then moved to the importance of teaching people how to read the Bible, the theological history of the Bible, the battle over the literal interpretations.
 - e. Decided that a first step is a “Bible for Dummies” or “Bible for Catholics”
 - f. Father Tim expressed need to have Elaine Hackett involved with this effort
 - g. Bill Iannacci to follow up with Elaine
5. Next discussion topic was the Parish Census
 - a. Had open brainstorming on how to accomplish
 - b. Came out that we actually have a software database of 1400 families with addresses and phone numbers that is pretty accurate that can be used as a starting point
 - c. The database does not contain the appropriate or updated information
 - d. Task Group consisting of Joan, Pat S. Jeff, and Bill formed to develop the needed information for discussion at next full council meeting - Jeff took action to coordinate meeting and to include Linda
 - e. Also discussed here the linkage to getting input from the community as to what we can do better, or more of, or differently, or new.
6. Held discussion on establishing a Parish Welcoming Committee
 - a. Consistently getting new parishioners especially through Baptism
 - b. Need a way to grab hold of them and project the welcoming spirit of our faith community
 - c. Suggested ideas were to have a group go for a house visit bearing some small tokens and a ministry booklet, a quarterly wine and cheese event

- d. A task group consisting of Dick and Pat squared formed to further details prior to next full council meeting.
- 7. The next discussion topic was the intentions for the Bazaar
 - a. Want to solicit input/info from those attending the Bazaar as an attempt to reach out to the unknown parishioners
 - b. Parish Council to locate in the raffle booth
 - c. Census forms will be present iff someone is interested in taking the time at that point
 - d. The Ministry Fair Schedule will also be posted at the event
 - e. Will require further coordination at next full council meeting
- 8. Open discussion format
 - a. Minutes will be posted to Parish Website
 - b. Next full council meeting will be July 12th
 - c. First agenda item for every council meeting after opening prayer will be parish status by Father Tim
 - d. Need expressed for a near term agenda item to be the evaluation of all our ministries to see if they are accomplishing their objective. Also, to see how we, the parish council can help.
 - e. Discussion on sponsor relations for new parishioners, baptism, etc. with the goal being to connect people with each other so that we can nurture what may be a feeling of isolation into one of community and spiritual growth
 - f. Briefly discussed utilization of Parish home page

Actions:

- 1. Dick to publish Mission Statement notification in bulletin
- 2. Bill to follow up with Elaine H. for Bible study and report to full council on July 12th
- 3. Jeff to organize meeting last week of June for Census task group
- 4. Pat S. to organize meeting for Welcoming Committee task group

Agenda Items for July 12th:

- 1. Father Tim parish status/info
- 2. Bill report out on Bible Study
- 3. Task group for census report out
- 4. Task group for Welcoming Committee report out
- 5. Detail planning of Bazaar participation
- 6. Approach to ministry evaluation
- 7. Further discussion on sponsorship