

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes  
January 11, 2017

Council Members: Linda Basilico, Bill Neumayer, Shannon Eggleston, Bill Steiner, Denise Hammrich, Fr. Neely, Karin Seubert, Toni Kraut

Guest: Angela Davies, Director of Ministry

Opening prayer: Bill Steiner led the council in prayer to begin the meeting

- **Approval of Minutes**

Karin Seubert reported she had not emailed December 2016 minutes at the time of this meeting.

- **Director of Ministry Report –Angela Davies**

Angela distributed a ministry fair summary and ministry booklet to the council.

In looking at parishioner participation in ministries Angela referred to what we learned in Matthew Kelly's book "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" which in part summarized roughly 7% of Catholic parishioners were doing almost everything in their faith community and paying almost entirely for the maintenance and mission of the parish.

At All Saints we had a 27% increase in ministry participation in comparisons to the 2016 Ministry Fair. All Saints data shows 536 of our approximately 2,000 parishioners participating in over 70 ministries, events, and groups. That percentage is almost three times the number in parishes throughout the nation. In addition there is approximately a 23% increase in ongoing event participation.

Angela went on to explain to the council the two "Cry Rooms" signs will be coming down and will now be known as "Comfort Rooms". Rocking chairs will be purchased and added to each room. This change in focus will allow us to meet a broader range of needs for the entire parish family.

- **School Report –Denise Hammrich**

On Friday, 1/13/2017 All Saints Catholic School and Church staffs will be at a staff retreat led Fr. Neely.

One 1/14/2017 an ASCS team and alumni team will be participating in the First Lego league State Championship. Both teams qualified at the regional level.

Catholic Schools week is January 29 to February 4 and will focus on Corporal Works of Mercy. The students will be participating in the 10:00 am Mass on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition students will be writing letters to those who serve the homeless; collecting socks and toiletries for Salvation Army; making prayer cards for the Youth Detention Center and donation food items to Whitman Elementary school for their food pantry. They also have guest speakers scheduled from Interlink, Knights of Columbus, Youth Detention Center and the Lazarus Ministry to speak to give an insight into their areas of works of mercy each morning.

- **Pastor Report-Fr. Brad Neely**

Fr. Neely began by recapping the office duties distribution with Sarah's resignation from All Saints. A search committee for a parish administrator has been formed and Fr. Neely believes it may be a short search.

Dave Goeckner, All Saints D.R.E., has contacted well known speaker, Chris Stefanick and made arrangements for him to come to All Saints in November of 2017. This is a one night, 2 ½ hour event titled "Reboot". The event has various components including the parish having an evangelization team that they work with and train 6 months in advance of the event and will continue the efforts after his presentation. The Diocese of Boise will promote the All Saints event as a pilot. The Diocese will be investigating this event for possible future use in parishes throughout Idaho.

As the council takes on the role of evangelization, they were asked to read chapters 1 & 2 in the book "Forming Intentional Disciples" prior to this meeting. Fr. Neely distributed some excerpts from Chapters 1 & 2 he compiled for discussion. He asked the council for input on the chapters.

Bill Neumayer was struck by the point made by people having a lack of personal relationship with their God.

Toni mentioned the specific example of a parish producing a large number of priests and religious. Fr. Neely asked we pause for a moment at this point to define evangelization.

Karin was thinking of evangelization as going out. After the readings she had the realization we should be reaching people already among us.

In reflecting on discipleship vs. evangelization, discipleship is a much better word than evangelization.

As Catholics we don't give our "testimony" such as our protestant brothers and sisters evangelize. We, as Catholics, don't share our faith very well. We don't resay what we think we know. We don't hear ourselves saying/proclaiming things.

Fr. Neely suggested we may have a presumption that if we share faith we may get push back.

That is real. The council continued a vibrant conversation

Bill Steiner shared about how he was enlightened about a personal relationship with Jesus. He found he cared for him, he wanted to spend time with him, and he wanted to be with him.

If we can't answer for ourselves our personal relationship then we need to challenge ourselves.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be February 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:**

The council concluded the meeting in prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Gail Gallagher*