

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
February 8, 2017

Council Members: Linda Basilico, Shannon Eggleston, Bill Steiner, Karin Seubert, Toni Kraut
Larry Kopcynski, Dave Goeckner

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

- **Approval of Minutes**

January minutes were emailed for approval prior to meeting.

- **School Report –Denise Hammrich-**

Submitted by email due to inclement weather

The ASCS Choir will be singing at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival on Thursday, February 23rd at the University of Idaho.

Our accreditation visit is just 4 weeks away, March 8, 9, and 10. A team of 4 educators, principals and teachers, will be visiting the school.

All children who will be attending kindergarten during the 2017-2018 school year are invited to attend ASCS Teddy Bear Tea on March 14th from 6-7 pm. If you know of families who may be interested, please contact the school so they can send them a personal invitation.

- **Parish Administrator Report –Dave Goeckner**

In defining evangelization- the new evangelization asks us to go out.

Dave described the FOCUS ministry on the college campuses as doing just that.

Pope Paul VI in “On Evangelization to the Modern World” points out it’s always taking the person at the beginning. It is within who we are to be authentic. The person who has been evangelized goes on to evangelize others. The challenge: how do we facilitate that encounter with Christ?

Linda posed the thought- do we go out and bring back those who are missing? Do you work on the 99 sheep you have or go after the 1 sheep that’s lost? Do we start here at All Saints or go out.

Dave suggested we do both. Dave’s own thought is to invest heavily in those who are here. Look at who is in front of us and focus there.

Toni pointed out the All Saints community is missing the experience of having baptisms within Mass. Bill Steiner reflected baptisms within Mass are tangible proof we live in a vibrant parish. He told of the way he was influenced by people who called him to be at Mass early and stay late. Personal relationships can be a turning point. We need to adjust our orbit to intersect with others. Larry stated to him it gets back to the friendliness of the church. We have the seed, if we don’t embrace that how do we encourage each other to reach out? We support the school, but we don’t spend that same amount of resources to keep our youth involved.

Dave suggested people should know in the beginning we encounter Christ here and we are here to encounter Christ. Our lives should look different because Jesus is in the church. Karin relayed the hard thing for her is being effective when she has brought people to Mass. Linda pointed out that older parishioners are unable to get to Mass for health reason they are the first ones to call for homebound minister, where as a middle aged person rationalizes they will go next week. She doesn’t think some people realize what is done at each Mass celebration.

Shannon wants to encourage reaching others. She pointed out the lapse of time since the last pastoral council pulpit update. She suggested discussing evangelization focus being highlighted. Get effective in PR. Posing the question to parishioners: what do you want to know about your faith? Let them know we are listening, as was done previously. Larry asked, what is going to happen with those responses?

Dave explained All Saints is going to explore the program Alpha. He described the Alpha program as an introduction of the basics of our faith.

Dave distributed “save the date” information for a one-night event coming November 29, 2017. All Saints will be hosting a Reboot Live event with Chris Stefanick. Chris is the author of Chosen and a dynamic Catholic evangelizer. Dave facilitated the viewing of a short Chris Stefanick clip. Dave is working to form an evangelization team who will begin work on the event 6 months in advance. He

asked the council if it was on their heart to be on the evangelization team to please contact him. Dave pointed out this event was a good blend of what is happening in pastoral council with forming intentional disciples.

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

No report.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

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

Closing Prayer:

The council concluded the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Gallagher