** Blessed Sacrament Church**

4500 Jackson Blvd.

Rapid City, SD 57702-4972

Phone: (605) 342-3336

Fax: (605) 341-5668

bsc@blessedsacramentchurch.org

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**1/13/2022, 6:30 PM, Parish Office**

**Call to Order:** David DiMaria called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**Present:** Father Tim Hoag, Deacon Greg Palmer, David DiMaria, Tim Callahan, Bill Colson, Jaime Munoz, Dave Raml, Justin Wermers, and Katie Wermers.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the board meeting conducted on November 14, 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented by Tim Callahan and seconded by Justin Wermers. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Reports:**

1. Pastor’s Report
   * Reviewed some comments from first “town hall” meeting regarding Diocesan Strategic Plan
   * Outlined need for Parish Census and process
     + Need to better utilize Power Church Plus software to record/analyze parishioner profiles
     + Staff is working on approach to gather information and update system
     + Need to identify who is coming to mass, are they BSC members, are BSC members not coming to mass or going somewhere else
     + Identify people who can reach out to those BSC members who are not attending mass
     + Will send out questions on Pope’s Synod on Synods to discuss at next meeting
   * Reviewed Highlights of Evangelism and Catechesis
     + 31 children were baptized in the 2021.
     + 19 couples were prepared in baptism classes in 2021.
     + 4 couples prepared families for the sacrament of baptism.
     + 31 children received their First Eucharist on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 6th, 2021.
     + 32 children celebrated their First Reconciliation in December, 2021 and are finishing their preparations for their First Communion in June, 2022.
     + 39 youth celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on October 17th with Bishop Peter Muhich.
     + 38 youth are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of 2022.
     + 9 individuals entered into full communion with the Catholic Church after completing RCIA in 2021.
     + 6 couples were prepared for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Blessed Sacrament in 2021. Four facilitating couples help with this process.
     + Our CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) program has expanded from one to three atriums that serve 46 of our youngest parishioners, ages 3-9 years old. 4 trained catechists and 6 assistants serve this ministry.
     + We have 76 children in our 1-5 Faith Formation taught by 11 volunteers.
     + We have 42 youth enrolled in EDGE (6-7th grade) served by a team of 7 adults.
     + We have 28 youth participating in Lifeteen (8th-12th grade) served by a team of 9 adults.
     + 28 youth participated in Summer Stretch and another 37 children joined us for Duc in Altum over the summer.
     + We piloted Alpha in the summer of 2021. We had 42 adults participate and a team of 12 individuals serving them.
     + 36 individuals commit to a Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday.
     + Other Events:
       - Mercy Night
       - St. Joseph Mission
       - Parish Festival
       - Hosted the CLWC (Christian Life and Witness Course) and 18 of our parishioners participated in the Will Graham event as counselors.
       - Many other groups gather to pray, study, and grow in community at our parish.
   * Announced that the Parish Pledge will take place on January 22, 2022
   * Announced that the renovation plans for the new grotto, statue, and moving of Mary statue will be announced to the Parish on February 5/6
2. President’s Report
   * Vision
     + Presented vision statement – *To encourage all to encounter Jesus Christ* or *Encouraging all to encounter Jesus Christ*
       - This would replace *“Continuing the work of Jesus”*
     + Presented mission statement – To provide a Christ-centered Church, Parish, and Life so that all can encounter Jesus Christ
     + Will present to Parishioners at a later date TBD
   * Novena for Life to take place January 19 to 27, include in bulletin and pulpit announcements
3. Liaison Reports
   * Youth – Katie Wermers
     + Good attendance for Lock In, all went well and kids had a great time
     + Kudos to Matt for being an excellent leader
   * Hispanic – Jaimie Munoz
     + Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass went very, well attended
     + Discussed a need to have RCIA for Hispanics, who to call, etc.
   * Renovation – Bill Colson
     + Outlined plans for grotto and statues
     + Choir window design is about finalized and ready to order
   * Adult Faith Formation – Bill Colson
     + Bible Timeline starting January 13 for 24 weeks
     + Beloved Married Couples gathering is January 19
     + Second reading scripture sessions every Wednesday with Fr. Tony
     + Alpha program set to begin at the end of June
   * Parish Festival – Dave Raml
     + Planning for this year’s event will start soon
   * Knights of Columbus – David DiMaria
     + Knight of Wine is coming up on February 25th
     + We will be promoting the Novena for Life
     + Donut Day is the 4th Sunday of the month

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm**