



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

'Continuing the Work of Jesus...'

BSC PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 6:30pm | Parish Office

Call to Order: Bill Colson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Ashley Bradsky, Tim Callahan, Bill Colson, David DiMaria, Fr. Francis Nsubuga, Fr. Tim Hoag, Mary Ireland, Fr. Robert Kinyon, Ian Kopriva, Eric Pearson, Katie Wermers, Justin Wermers

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the board meeting conducted on March 14, 2024, were presented. Motion was made and passed to approve minutes as read.

Presentation of Reports:

1. Pastor's Report

- Interviewed two candidates for the Director of Family Evang & Catechesis position
 - Anthony Flores - theology degree, teaching certificate, MS teacher for 10 years
 - Belinda Wickham - BA in psychology, master's in chemical dependency counseling; experience working as DRE in a parish
- Two different directions for evangelization in our parish
 - First vision - outward; the people who don't know Christ at all: Alpha (June-Aug) → prayer program → salvation history (November-March/April) → RCIA (Sept-May) → Cursillo (men) and women's group
 - Oremus and Cor ad Cor programs are too deep
 - Process gives people two years to obtain an annulment
 - Second vision - building within/internal; starting with at least one person who is already Catholic and strengthening their faith and their family's faith: Marriage prep → gap → baptismal prep → gap → CGS → First Sacraments → Word of Life (2nd-5th grade) → EDGE & Life Teen (6th-12th)
 - How do we keep couples/parents connected to the church?
 - Only program for 3 to 5-year-olds is CGS; teachers are limited
 - Need to show parents how to catechize their children past 2nd grade
 - Starting this fall, parents will be required to attend faith formation nights
 - Parish Council comments:
 - We need to build a culture that cares, an environment in which people *want* to be here (Mary Ireland)

- Mentorship makes a difference, especially among adolescents (Bill Colson)
 - **The council unanimously agreed to pursue the internal vision**
 - Fr. Tim received the next set of drawings for Marian Plaza
 - Have to hire Rangel Construction to get guess estimate
 - The more time without a bishop, the more authority the administrator gets
 - Parish Work Day is scheduled for June 15
 - Choir members would like the piano moved
 - Baptismal font is leaking; considering taking it out and using smaller font
 - Already been repaired three times now, and we plan to take it out eventually
 - “We will be using the one in the narthex *for now*”

2. President’s Report

- Tony and Tim researched rates at Shriners Club, Angel’s Catering, Moose Lodge
- Rates start at a certain number of people (i.e., 50 people)
 - If under 50 people, there is no rate at all
 - Parishioner and non-parishioner rates
- Table this conversation until next meeting
- Committee should come with a finalized proposal; committee will craft a policy
- Cathedral does not make a distinction between weddings and non-wedding events

3. Liaison Reports

- a. Youth Evangelization (Ian Kopriva)
 - Members should read over report and bring comments to the next meeting
- b. Service Committee Update (Tim Callahan)
 - The head of the Service Committee acts as the liaison for all service ministries (HFNL Jail Ministry, Knights of Columbus, etc)
- c. Knights of Columbus (Eric Pearson)
 - Eric recently resigned as the Grand Knight
 - Rick MacDonald (rickymac1955@gmail.com) will take on the role
- d. Parish Festival (Ian Kopriva)
 - Asking groups (like Cursillo) to show up together and volunteer
 - Hold each other accountable; ensures that volunteers actually show up
 - We don’t want the people who are always helping to feel pressured to volunteer; we want them to enjoy the festival too
 - Reach out to Women’s Cursillo (Toni Rangel), Disting Angels (Dianne Huber), Just Us Card Group, Mother’s Bible Study, Oremus, RCIA group
 - Have a good lead on a tent; covers band, dance floor, some tables and chairs
 - Youth and/or Seton/STM teachers can man the yard games area