

St. Bede Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2007

Present: Fr. Abe, Fr. Rod, Greg Ballentine, Dave Clemens, Toni Collingwood, Noel Fort, Tina Straight, P.J. McQuade, Bill Theroux, Peg Crews, Cathy Fronheiser, Sally Minich, Francis Capone, Rosanne Black, Ginger DiLoreto, John McCormack, Carol Brandely, Bill Burke, Doug Gebhardt.

Absent: Sasha Diggs, Jeannie Trainum,

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Father Abe led the opening prayer. The agenda for the meeting is attached at the end of the minutes.

Welcome and Introductions: The Pastoral Council welcomed new members Peg Crews, Cathy Fronheiser, and Sally Minich and returning members Toni Collingwood and Bill Theroux.

Approval of Minutes: The December 2006 minutes were approved.

Election of New Officers: The results of the elections of new officers are as follows:

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| A. Chairman | Dave Clemens |
| B. Vice Chairman | Bill Theroux |
| C. Board Member | Noel Fort |
| D. Board Member | P. J. McQuade |
| E. Secretary | Francis Capone (appointed) |

Assignments for Subcommittees & Newcomers Reception: Assignments to the various subcommittees are as follows:

- A. Lenten Supper: The Pastoral Council will host one Lenten Supper.
- B. Core Committee: An appointment to this committee will be made at a future date.
- C. Finance Committee: P. J. McQuade and Peg Crews will be the PC representatives to the Finance Committee.
- D. Music: Noel, Jeannie and P. J. will continue on this sub-committee.
- E. 75th Anniversary: An appointment to this very important committee will be made at a future date.
- F. PC Corner: Dave will assign individuals on a monthly basis to write an article for the St. Bede monthly newsletter.
- G. Roundtable: Toni will continue to chair this subcommittee with help from Sally.
- H. We Walk by Faith: Greg will continue to chair this subcommittee with help from Peg Crews.
- I. Young Adult: Discussion of this subcommittee was tabled to next month.
- J. Young Families: Discussion of this subcommittee was tabled to next month.
- K. Newcomers Reception: Assignments will be made alphabetically. Greg, Francis and Dave will take care of the March 18 Newcomers Reception.

Joint Retreat: The Joint Retreat will be held on February 24, 2007. The retreat will begin at 9:00AM with Mass being celebrated by Father Abe. After Mass, Barbara Hughes will be moderator of the Retreat that is scheduled to end at 3:00PM in the afternoon. The focus of the

retreat will be “What does God expect us to do?” Father Abe emphasized that this will be a retreat and not a workshop.

Liturgy Committee: Carol gave a brief overview of the Liturgy Committee for the benefit of the new PC members. She also said that the minutes of the Liturgy committee meetings would be sent to all PC members. There was a discussion of the Mass schedule for Easter. Carol recommended that an additional Mass at 9:00AM was needed at the Parish Center based on last years attendance of over 1500 individuals at this time of the day. Father Abe concurred with this recommendation. The final Mass scheduled will probably be decided at the Liturgy Committee.

Finance Council: Bill Burke reported that the budget was on schedule with a \$105,000 surplus. Over the ensuing months this surplus will decline until the anticipated extra revenue will be collected at Easter. Bill also reported that starting in 2007, the IRS would be requiring proof of donations for tax purposes. It was noted that both parishioners and visitors needed to be made aware of this new regulation. John did say that presently a thank you note is sent to all visitors who provide their name and addresses and who contribute ten or more dollars.

Social Ministry: John gave a brief overview of Social Ministry. He also reported that over 150 children benefited from the Christmas Giving Tree with presents, a party and dinner. He also had a copy of very favorable comments from a SM recipient that appeared in the “Last Word” column of the Virginia Gazette.

Pastor’s Report:

1. Father Abe announced that a permanent deacon has registered to become a member of the parish. The deacon who has moved from New Jersey after retirement has a vast background in RCIA and religious education.
2. Father Abe requested the PC consider adding a Pastoral Outreach Committee as a new standing committee. This new committee would oversee establishing ministries to such diverse groups of parishioners such as young adults, Hispanics, inactive Catholics, divorced Catholics, people in mourning, and people in same-sex relations. Father remarked that we could use an organization such as Legion of Mary to help in reaching out to these individuals. It was noted that the JOY Ministry is already working with the elderly and home bound.

We closed with a prayer led by Father Abe.

The next meeting is February 28th at 7:00 pm in the Church Commons.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Capone
Secretary

Attachment: January 2007 Agenda

St. Bede Catholic Church Pastoral Council

"St. Bede Parish Pastoral Council prayerfully follows Christ as servant leaders to our parish community by gathering in prayer, discerning the direction of the Holy Spirit, and empowering others to serve so that all may be one in Christ."

January 24, 2007 – 7:00pm

Conference Room, St. Bede Catholic Church

Opening Prayer – Council Group Prayer

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| 1). | 7:02-7:20pm | Welcome and Introductions
<i>David Clemens</i> |
| 2). | 7:20-7:21pm | Approval of Minutes
<i>David Clemens</i> |
| 3). | 7:21-7:35pm | Elections of New Officers and Executive Committee
<i>David Clemens</i> |
| 4). | 7:35-7:45pm | Assignments for Subcommittees & Newcomers |
| | Reception | <i>David Clemens</i> |
| 5). | 7:45-8:00pm | Joint Retreat
<i>Greg Ballentine</i> |
| 6). | 8:00-8:10pm | Liturgy Committee
<i>Carol Brandley</i> |
| 7). | 8:10-8:20pm | Finance Council
<i>Bill Burke</i> |
| 8). | 8:20-8:30pm | Social Ministry
<i>John McCormack</i> |
| 9). | 8:30-8:50pm | Pastor's Report
<i>Fr. Abe</i> |
| 10). | 8:50-8:55pm | 2007 Lenten Soup Supper
<i>Rosanne Black</i> |

Closing Prayer – Fr. Abe

Next meeting: Feb. 22 – 7:00pm - 9:00pm – St.

Upcoming Events: Joint Retreat – Feb. 24 – St. Bede

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