

**St. Bede Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2008**

Present: Fr. Cole, Bill Theroux, Noel Fort, P. J. McQuade, Francis Capone, Cathy Fronheiser, Peg Crews, Sally Minich, John Andre, William Dowling, Mark Jakobowski, Mary Oles, Jeannie Trainum, Tina Straight, Rosanne Black, and Pete Peterson

Absent: Sasha Diggs

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Father Cole led the opening prayer. The agenda for the meeting is Attachment 1 found at the end of the minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes: The December 2007 minutes were approved.

2. Election of Officers: The election of officers was as follows:

- Chairman - Bill Theroux
- Vice Chairman - Cathy Fronheiser
- Secretary - Jon Andre
- Executive Council – Noel Fort and Sally Minich

3. WWBF: Peg reported that all comments from the survey forms have been entered into an Excel spreadsheet. There were 1400 written comments from the 1900 survey forms turned in. This amounted to 4000 lines of comments that Greg Ballentine and Peg are reviewing line by line. Presently they are looking to sub-classify the four major categories of WWBF; Word, Worship, Community, and Service. An executive summary report for the Bishop must be ready about two weeks prior to his visit on June 1, 2008. The final report is estimated to be over 100 pages.

4. Subcommittees Discussion and Formation:

- Nominations and Elections: Jeannie will continue to chair this committee. Cathy and Francis will also be on this very important subcommittee. Jeannie reported that she had drawn up a preliminary timeline for the next election. This timeline was developed from lessons learned from the recent elections. One problem with January elections is that it conflicts with one of the most important liturgical seasons and a very busy time of year. There was discussion as to whether elections should be held at some other time of the year. As a result of these discussions, the Nominations and Elections subcommittee was charged to study the election process and make recommendations to the PC at the February meeting as to how PC elections should be administered in the future.
- Retreat and Prayer: Bill asked that we all review the By-laws as to how it pertains to this committee and be prepared to discuss implementation at future PC meetings.
- Evangelization: Same on this sub-committee

5. PC Elections – Feedback and Discussion: See Agenda Item 4 for details discussed.

6. Discussion: Several items were discussed at this time including:

- Pete Peterson gave a brief description of the Finance Committee. Pete reported that the FC meets on the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 PM. After a discussion of the role of

the PC to FC in the budget making process, Mark volunteered to be the PC liaison to the Finance Committee.

- Jeannie proposed that a major goal of the PC for this year was understanding, communicating, and implementation of the results of WWBF.
- Cathy reported that David Barr will report on the activities of the Young Adult Ministry at the next PC meeting.
- The PC will tentatively host the February 15th Lenten soup supper.
- Jeannie remarked that several people have said that it was difficult to have a Catholic wedding. Father Cole reported that the process is very lengthy and can take up to a year. However, the entire process is in a state of flux with new requirements coming from the Diocese. One suggestion was that the process including the application form needed to be publicized more.

One additional note: Bill took the opportunity earlier in the evening to thank Greg Ballentine, Tina Straight, and Dave Clemens for their fine and extensive work as members of the Council. The Council is better for their service and we appreciate it.

We closed with a prayer led by P.J. McQuade.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 PM in the Church Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Capone
Secretary

Attachment 1: January 24, 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, 2008 – 7:00 PM
Conference Room, St. Bede Catholic Church

Opening Prayer – Greg Ballentine

1. 7:00 – 7:02 pm Acceptance of minutes
Bill Theroux
2. 7:02 – 7:45 pm PC officer nominations and elections.
Chair, Vice-chair, appointment of Secretary,
and Executive Committee (2 members)
Bill Theroux
3. 7:45 – 8:00 pm WWBF update
Greg Ballentine
4. 8:00 – 8:20 pm Subcommittees: discussion and formation
a. Nomination and Election
b. Retreat and Prayer
c. Evangelization
5. 8:20 – 8:30 pm PC Elections – Feedback and discussion
6. 8:30 – 8:45 pm Discussion:
Other topics from the floor???
7. 8:45 – Pastor’s Comments
Father Abe

Closing Prayer – Father Abe

St. Bede Mission Statement:

A Catholic faith community proclaiming Christ’s message in word and action.