

**St. Bede Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2006**

Present: Greg Ballentine, Dave Clemens, Francis Capone, Toni Collingwood, Noel Fort, Charles Leahey, William Theroux, Jeannie Trainum, Doug Gebhardt, Fr. Mingollo, John McCormack, Bill Bourke, Rosanne Black, Kristy Plourde

Absent: Fr. Abe, Patrick McQuade, Sasha Digges, Mary LeGouellec, Tina Straight

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and Fr. Mingollo led the opening prayer. The June PC meeting minutes were approved. . Since this was a PC meeting in conjunction with a Neighborhood Roundtable session each of the PC members introduced themselves.

Committee Reports:

Liturgy Committee (LC): No report

Social Ministry (SM): John gave a review of the SM activities for July 2006. Highlights included:

- 1) The SM serviced 49 clients. Of these, 4 clients were provided with shelter and 8 were provided with payments for Virginia Power.
- 2) Ten volunteers put in a total of 87 hours.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM): No report

Christian Formation (CF): Kristy Plourde gave the following report:

- 1) High and middle school gearing up for fall semester.
- 2) Middle school will now meet on Sunday morning at Walsingham.
- 3) LIFTEEN still meeting. They will have bible study for the next several weeks with an emphasis on bible history and attend a mission retreat next week.
- 4) Middle school had a successful minigolf and snow-to-go with Father Rod attending.
- 5) High school parents working with both Father Abe and Father Rod on continuing programs that had been started by Michelle and in evaluating where to go next.

Stewardship Ministry (SM): It was noted that the Stewardship Committee has been in a hiatus since March 2006, as the parish is not running a capital campaign. A notice will be issued once the Committee is re-activated.

Old Business:

FAQ Page: Since this was a Neighborhood Roundtable session, Chuck reviewed this new addition to the St. Bede web site. A show of hands indicated that many of those in attendance visited the web site. Rosanne urged people to visit the FAQ site frequently as it is continually being updated as new material becomes available.

New Business:

Dave gave a brief overview of the roles and mission of the PC and described the functions of the various committees. He also mentioned preparations for Phase II activities and the upcoming 75th anniversary of the St. Bede parish next year.

Roundtable Discussion:

1. There was a suggestion to have a welcome committee to visit new members. The names of new members would then go to the neighborhood captain.
2. Jeannie then had people meeting someone they did not know.
3. There was some discussion of the 50 to 60 individuals who visit people as part of the Joy ministry. It was pointed out that we don't know who all the Catholics are in part due to Privacy A restrictions. However, Patriots Colony has been very cooperative in providing this information.
4. It was also brought out that many Catholics do not like to discuss personal matters with Stevens ministers but would rather talk to a priest.
5. Bill Burke inquired if some of the Joy ministers could get some of the training that was previously given to Stevens ministers.
6. There was a question if various hotels/motels have information on the location of the church. Rosanne said that all the hotels have this information as well as maps. John showed a sample of the maps.
7. There was concern raised about people parking on the grass. John reported that the new parking lot would have 67 spaces. He also stated that car-pooling would greatly help the parking problem.
8. There was some discussion that St. Bede is a "closed" parish and some people felt not welcomed, in particular, those coming from smaller parishes. Some suggested that parishioners have nametags while others thought this was "terrible" idea.
9. There was another suggestion that some consideration should be given to changing the times of Mass on Sundays.

We closed with a prayer led by Father Rod.

The next meeting is September 27th at 7:00 pm in the church commons.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Capone
Secretary