

St. Bede Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2007

Present: Fr. Abe, Bill Theroux, Greg Ballentine, Noel Fort, Peg Crews, P. J. McQuade, Francis Capone, and Rosanne Black

Absent: Toni Collingwood, Tina Straight, Sasha Diggs, Dave Clemens, Cathy Fronheiser, Jeannie Trainum, and Sally Minich

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and Noel led the opening prayer. The agenda for the meeting is Attachment 1 found at the end of the minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes: The June minutes were approved.

2. Election of Vice-Chair: The election of Vice-Chair was rescheduled to September because no quorum of members was present.

3. WWBF: Greg stressed that all PC members need to submit whether they will be attending the workshops. Greg reported that there were 36 responses to the workshop invitees. Four were from PC members and two indicated they could not attend.

Peg noted that the next newsletter will contain the Diocese web site and will also contain some comments from the Holy Spirit Parish WWBF report. Future bulletins will contain sample survey questions such as one relating to the health of our parish.

4. Pastor's Report: Father Abe stated that he expects WWBF to be a very good experience for the parish. He expects to hear from parishioners who otherwise have not been able to communicate their personal experiences within the parish. Many people don't know what's going on in the parish and many others may not be active members.

5. Where Are We Going: Bill initiated this discussion by presenting a list of prior PC Agenda items that he thought need further clarification as to their status. This list is Attachment 2 to these minutes. The following are some of the items discussed:

- Item 2 – Bill will contact Dave concerning the May minutes.
- Item 3 – Bill will get with the other sub committee members to finalize proposed changes.
- Item 4 – The Young Families is up and running. They revised their mission statement and agenda and have their budget.
- Item 5 – Cathy is on the sub committee to review the Mission Statement. Bill will solicit other members by email. There was some confusion as to whether the AOT should be doing the Vision Statement.
- Item 6 – Individual PC members will each do a self-evaluation of meetings and forward their comments to the Secretary who will present the results to the PC.
- Item 7 – All members present thought that an annual calendar was needed and would be beneficial in that the PC would be aware when special meetings would be need. These meetings would include when the budget review is need or when a neighborhood would be held. There was some discussion on standing committee reporting. Preparing the annual calendar could be a task for the PC Vice-Chair. It was suggested some process is

needed for the various ministries should operate. This would be helpful for those ministries requiring a budget.

- Item 8 – There was some discussion as to whether an election sub-committee was needed. This subcommittee could be identifying potential candidates on a yearly basis.
- Other Items – The formation of a Pastoral Outreach Ministry was discussed. Father Abe stated that over 60 individuals had responded to starting a Legion of Mary chapter at St. Bede's.

6. 75th Anniversary Plans Update: Rosanne reported that there are several committees in formation. One committee is tasked with sorting through all historical material of the parish some of which will be used for a 75th commemorative publication. Banners will be placed on all lampposts. Two key events planned so far are the picnic on September 23 and the Bishop celebrating the 11:00 AM Mass on October 28.

We closed with a prayer led by Greg.

The next meeting is September 26 at 7:00 PM in the Church Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Capone
Secretary

Attachment 1: July 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."

July 10, 2007 – 7:00pm
Conference Room, St. Bede Catholic Church

Opening Prayer – Noel Fort

- 1). **7:02-7:05pm** **Approval of Minutes**
Bill Theroux
- 2). **7:05-7:20 pm** **Election of Vice-Chair**
Bill Theroux
- 3). **7:20-7:40pm** **WWBF**
Greg Ballentine/Peg Crews
- 4). **7:40-8:10pm** **Pastor's Report**
Fr. Abe
- 5). **8:10-8:40pm** **Where Are We Going (for the rest of 2007)**
Open Discussion
- 6). **8:40-9:00** **75th Anniversary Plans Update**
Rosanne

Closing Prayer – Greg Ballentine

Next PC meeting: September 26– 7:00-9:00pm – St. Bede

St. Bede Mission Statement (from Our Journey to One Table, 1999)

Through our faith and Baptism in Christ, the mission of St. Bede Parish is:

- *to celebrate our Catholic Faith with a community of believers:*
- *to give witness to Christ's love for His Father and God's people by our compassion for all:*
- *to proclaim the continuing revelation of scripture and tradition in word and action.*

Attachment 2: Bill's "Where Are WE Going" Items

Pastoral Council Meeting 10 July 2007

- a. Executive Committee
 Pastor, Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary + 2 elected (Noel, PJ???)
- b. Minutes from June 07 mtg. – Dave
- c. Constitution & By-Laws –
 Subcommittee of Bill, Dave, Peg – Can we do this
- d. What Happened to the Young Families? They spoke...we liked...what have we done for them?
- e. Mission & Vision Statements
- f. Conducting evaluations of our meeting...
- g. Do we want/need an annual calendar?
 - Reports from 4 standing committees
 - 2 (???) neighborhood meetings/pot luck suppers
 - Budget review
 - Newcomers receptions
 - Other ???
- h. Subcommittees – What do we have
- i. We have no bench...should we encourage those interested to sign up for the PC?