

**St. Bede Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 13, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Abe, Fr. Rob, Jeannie Trantum, P.J. McQuade, Cathy Fronheiser, Greg Ballentine, Sasha Diggs, Peg Crews, Tina Straight, Bill Theroux

**ABSENT:** Dave Clemens, Francis Capone, Noel Fort, John McCormick, Sally Minch

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Jeannie led the opening prayer.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes were reviewed by all. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was second by P.J.

**2. Jeannie Trantum– Pastoral Elections -** We have 4 confirmed PC Nominees. Names will put in the Newsletter. A Display will placed the the commons with photos and biographies. I was discussed that Father Abe "appoint" two members to the PC - one from CCM (a student) and one from Young Adults Ministry.

They would serve possibly a one year term. Also Bill Minch as recommended to be placed on the ballot. The ballots will be placed in the pews the Sunday before the election on January 12th/13th. The display should be placed in the commons 2 weeks prior. P.J. will take photos of nominees. The official nominees are: Jon Andre, Mary Oles, Mark Jake Jakobunski, Bill Minch, 1 member from Young Families and one from CCM appointed by Fr. Abe. P.J. and Jeannie volunteered to count ballots after the 11:00 mass on Sunday.

**3. Greg and Peg - WWBF–** Surveys have been delivered to the diocese. The goal is to review the surveys with the parish before the Bishop visits. 1500 surveys has comments. They are being put in an excel spreadsheet (Peg is taking care of this). There are more strengths than weaknesses. It seems that the largest issue that will have to be addresses is that many parishioners feel "disconnected". Connecting with the parish was mentioned numerous times in the survey. Fr. Abe will address the parish regarding "Capital Expansion Program". Parishioners will be kept updated on this as it has been addressed in the upcoming newsletter.

**4. Cathy - 2008 calendar -** Cathy passed out a PC 2008 Calendar and Topics to be discussed this upcoming year. These we just suggestions and changes can be made as necessary. New dates/changes made: Jan 24, Feb 28, No March Meeting, April 19 will be a special session where we will approve the budget and also WWBF will be reviewed/discussed. Also, we changed the Oct. date to Oct. 25. It's a great start for guidance regarding the upcoming meetings! Thanks Cathy!

**5. Key Ministries** to come to meetings throughout the year??? Young Adult Ministry, Social Ministry (before Thanksgiving and Christmas), More exposure for Knights of Columbus (P.J.)

**6. Spiritual Retreat** - It was also brought up that we should consider having another Spiritual Retreat for the new PC Members, Financial Council and Parish Staff sometime in March (Saturday Morning). Peg will look into this and get together with staff to see if we can do this again.

**7. Advent Appreciation Reception for Volunteers - Dec. 16th, 2 - 3:30 p.m.**

**8. St. Patrick's Day** - the possibility of a parish party in March is being looked into by P.J.

**9. Fr. Abe** - a reminder for all of us as PC members that we should wear our nametags on Sunday and be available before and after masses to greet

Our next Newcomer's Reception is January 6th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Volunteers are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Straight  
Acting Secretary