

Blessed Sacrament Parish aspires to be a model Christian community, disciples of Christ, in communion with the universal church, in service to each other and our greater communities. We speak with diverse and inclusive voices, united by our Catholic Faith and Eucharistic Celebration.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
June 20, 2009**

PRESENT: Fr. Tom Mattingly, Kim Maggiolo, Yolanda Blake, Liz McDavid, Cathy McClatchy, Pam Murphy, Marcia Pearce, Maria Pena Taylor, George Collins, Pete Adams, Scott Hammond, Colleen Slipka.

ABSENT: Chip Studwell, Hillary James, Lorena Sanchez

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM, with prayer led by Kim Maggiolo, and members' reflections.

Bridge Building Committee

Yolanda Blake reported that Parish Picnic has been postponed to Saturday, September 12th, at Hillandale Park, to begin at 1PM. Mass will be celebrated at 4PM at the park; or in case of rain, 5PM at the church.. Help will be needed from all Council members, and from other church groups, such as the Knights, YAM and CCW. Early promotion of this event is needed in the bulletin also. The Committee needs to meet during this summer to plan and organize.

The Hispanic Catholic Heritage celebration will be held in October, tentatively, October 11th.

Pastoral/Finance Council Retreat

This will be held September 19th, 9-3, tentatively at Friendship Industries Conference Room again. On Friday, the 18th, we will have a social meeting and spiritual reflections 6-9PM, place to be determined.

Committee Assignments

After brief descriptions of each committee, it was confirmed that Pete Adams would lead our Budget Committee. Scott Hammond volunteered to join both the Budget Committee and the Life-Long Learning Committee. Colleen Slipka volunteered to serve on the Bridge Building Committee. We promised to get Scott minutes of the Finance Council Meeting. We look forward to hearing what committees, Hillary and Lorena will serve on.

Voice of Pastor

Challenged the Council Members to not take the summer off; keep active in parish life. Our parish Hispanic Scholarship was awarded to Sergio Vazquez, a graduate of Harrisonburg High School, who will be attending BRCC.

Valerie Blanton is organizing the Vacation Bible School for Children to be held July 13-17th.

Patty Huffman has reorganized the OAM, parish social group for older adults, 50+.

This is the Year for the Priests, and a prayer card is available through the Kof C. Pete Adams said he would find out if our Knights had ordered this prayer card yet. The prayer was in our bulletin. The internet shows the prayer card is available for \$3 per 100. This year is the 150th Anniversary St. John Vianney's death; his feast day is August 4th.

Walk By Faith Update

Hundreds of completed surveys have been turned in. Our Hispanic parishioners are being given the end of May as their deadline. Many of the surveys contain Comments, which it was decided should be copies before turning in to the Diocesan offices for evaluation. Kim was told that this process should take about a week, before we receive our report on the data received. The Executive Committee should meet in July to prepare report to be given to parishioners before the Bishop comes on Nov. 22nd.

Building Fund Phone Campaign

Pam Murphy reminded members that those volunteering for this phone campaign would be meeting today at noon to discuss and train for making phone calls to parishioners for building fund donations. She said she has 12-13 volunteers so far.

New Business

Fr. Tom told us that Joe Goldsmith, our seminarian who will be with us for a year, doing his Pastoral Internship, will be arriving in mid July. He will be introduced at the Masses, and it was suggested that we hold small social receptions after each Mass the weekend of July 18/19th. Cookies, Bagels, Lemonade, coffee, etc., were suggested. Organizers are:

5PM Mass: Liz and Pete

8AM Mass: Kim, George, Cathy,

10AM Mass: Pam and Louisa

1PM Mass: Maria and Lorena

Voice of the Parish

There was no correspondence in the Parish Council Mailbox.

VOICE of the COUNCIL

When asked by a member, it was explained that expensive insurance costs make it prohibitive to have various civic groups hold meetings on our property any longer.

Members asked that a list of the various ministries in our parish be compiled and distributed to Council Members.

There will be no meeting in July.

On August 15th, members will meet for 9AM Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, with business meeting to follow.

Kim Maggiolo adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM. Prayer was led by Yolanda Blake.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liz McDavid
P.C. Secretary