

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Meeting held via Zoom
Minutes 3-22-21
Approved: April 26, 2021

Pastoral Council Members Present: Fr. Mark Brandl (Pastor), Fr. Norberto Sandoval (Associate Pastor), Vern Baus (SC), Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Tom Clarke (HNJ), Mary Dalhaimer (SC), Tom Dinolfo (Staff), Laura Graney (SD), Mary Greenway (HNJ), Michele Konrad (HNJ), Kym Leibham (HNJ), Bob Mair (SD), Mary Petrie (Staff), Chris Roenitz (SC), Rebecca Rupnick (SD), Kevin Sander (HNJ), and Anne Skowlund (SC)

Excused Council Members: Brad Bulkow (SD), Brett Goebel (SD), Michael Johnson (HNJ), and Oscar Valdez (SC)

Welcome: Chair Michele Konrad called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Norberto Sandoval

Mission and Vision Statements: Read aloud by Kevin Sander.

Consent Agenda: Minutes from February 22, 2021, and March 2021 Committee Reports.

Motion made by Rebecca Rupnick to approve; seconded by Tom Clarke. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: Council members should have received (via email) the most recent copy of their respective parish financial reports. **Action:** Council members are reminded to direct any financial questions or concerns to their respective parish trustees or liaisons.

Pastor Report: Fr. Mark Brandl

There will be twelve hours of Reconciliation offered at St. Peter Claver in Sheboygan on March 24th. Fr. Mark will be one of the priests covering the time period from 4 PM to 8 PM. Starting on April 5, 2021, Masses will once again be offered at St. Nicholas Hospital. Hopefully in the near future, our Churches will be able to accommodate more people, as it is anticipated that parishioners will be able to sit closer together, once more people are two weeks past their second Covid vaccination. SC is planning to open up Dominican Hall, if needed, to accommodate more people. The Seton Catholic Mane Event was held on March 20, 2021. Hopefully, it was a successful event!

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Associate Pastor Report: Fr. Norberto (Norbie) Sandoval

Yesterday, fourteen parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, video recorded "Stations of the Cross", along with reflections to accompany the "Stations of the Cross". These recordings are slated for viewing on Good Friday.

Check out our SNCP Facebook page for various photos taken "throughout the years" at HNJ. This activity is being undertaken as part of the 175th Anniversary Celebration of HNJ. Viewers are asked to identify where the photos were taken.

From May 5th through May 11th, a replica of the statue of "Our Lady of St. John of the Lakes (Mexico) will be here for viewing. Many activities are being planned around the opportunity to view this blessed image.

Fr. Norbie recently had the opportunity to meet with members of the Junta. By the end of April, Chairs of the various committees will be updated. **Action:** Fr. Norbie to forward the name of the individual from the Hispanic community that has agreed to serve on the SC Buildings and Grounds Committee to Tom Dinolfo.

Fr. Norbie is getting ready for a busy season of weddings and quinceaneras.

Committee Liaisons/Guests: Michele Konrad

Anna Stankewitz, our ECHO student from Notre Dame, will be a guest speaker at our Council meeting next month. Anna is completing her Masters in Theology Degree, and will be with us until June. During her second year here with our Northside parishes, her main area of involvement has been with Faith Formation and Evangelization. She has been spearheading small Bible Study groups. We look forward to hearing Anna!

Plan of Action:

- a. Faith Formation/Evangelization: Kevin Sander

Kevin reported that the newly formed committee, responsible for planning the proposed "big speaker event", met approximately five weeks ago. No speaker has been identified yet. But, a list of potential speakers from the Catholic Speakers Organization - <https://catholicspeakers.com> will be forthcoming. The event will

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be held at SD. Dates being considered -- December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, or 10th. Discussion ensued around the fact, that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is planning on holding an Advent "Mission" event (similar in concept to the Lenten "Mission" recently held) on December 1st. **Action:** Taking this information into account, the committee will now look at booking our "speaker" event for December 9th or 10th.

b. Communications: Kym Leibham

Two main areas are being worked on presently: 1) An evaluation of Liturgical Press - ways to revamp our bulletin, and 2) Chris Knudtson plans on testing an app with members of the Communication Committee, as well as staff and some members of our Pastoral Council. It still needs to be determined exactly what the app will be capable of doing, but it is hoped that it will be used to push out communication, such as the time and date of upcoming meetings; and the response of the individual receiving the message, regarding whether or not they plan on attending, and attention to the individual receiving the message, to look for a letter from their Pastor. Again, these are just a few examples. **Action:** Contact Kym, if you are interested in testing this app. Kym needs to know what type of smart phone that you have, as well as the email address associated with the app store on your phone. Kym would like to know what value the Communications Committee has been to staff, in terms of reducing their workload? She would like to see this as an agenda item for next month's Communications Committee meeting. **Action:** Michele to send a copy of the original goals established for the Communication Committee to Kym, as soon as possible. See Communications Committee Report for more detailed information from March 18th meeting.

c. Human Concerns - Laura Graney

The SD Human Concerns Committee met on Thursday, March 4th. In addition to the regular SD committee members, Donna Karr, from HNJ, was also in attendance. Anne Skowlund (SC), Lulu Lubbers (SC) and Michael Johnson (HNJ) were also invited, but unfortunately, not able to attend.

Presently, the Human Concerns Committees from all three parishes are working on scheduling dates for providing cold lunches for upcoming Emmaus Meals, sending out birthday and Easter cards to homebound individuals and other

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parishioners 75 years of age or older, helping to coordinate the Lenten Scripture Series, helping to coordinate the "One Community, Two Charities, 3 Churches" 2021 Lenten Collection, and promoting our Laundry Love Ministry. Next meeting is slated for June 22, 2021.

New Business:

a. Pre-Cana Couples/Tri-Parish Meeting - Kevin Sander

Some of our married couples (acting as mentors), along with our Pastor, will be meeting with couples being wed soon. Discussion ensued regarding what should be the focus of the marriage preparation instruction? Fr. Mark recommended to focus on the five or six most "critical" things, such as money, raising kids, conflict resolution, family background, etc. Tap into the wisdom of the "mentors". Take a look at the 150 questions on the "FOCCUS" exam that engaged couples are asked to complete. Maybe select a few of these questions, as "critical" topics.

b. Council Agenda Item for Next Month: Election of Parishioners to Council and the Discernment Process. **Action:** SNCP Pastoral Council Executive Committee to place this topic on agenda for discussion next month.

Old Business:

a. Lenten Scripture Series: Recap from Mary Petrie

An increase in participation has been seen from the first week (69) to last week (85). Great to see a mixture of participants that have attended in the past, along with new attendees! Attendees have been very generous with donations to the Food Pantry and the Rice Bowl. An evaluation form will be handed out at tomorrow night's presentation (last one of the four part series). Council members are to be congratulated for their great participation, at the presentation that we hosted (second week)! We hope to have the Soup Supper back next year!

b. Parish Events: All

Excited about the opportunity to attend Easter in person at Church this year!

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Thank you to everyone that participated in the "40 Hours of Adoration" held at HNJ recently! It was a great event! Hope to make this an annual activity every Lent.

Fr. Norbie recently rotated the St. Joseph banners at each Church. Take a look! The statues of St. Joseph at HNJ and SC, have recently been decorated with flowers associated with St. Joseph. Beautiful! At the 10:30 AM Mass, yesterday, March 21st, at SD, Fr. Norbie sang a beautiful song (in Spanish) honoring St. Joseph. Thank you Fr. Norbie, for that "heartfelt" tribute!

Michele shared a "screenshot" of the article to parishioners that she drafted on behalf of all Council members that will be printed (hopefully) in the Easter edition of our SNCP bulletin. Thanks Michele! The "screenshot" photo that was taken of Council members that participated in last month's Council meeting, will hopefully appear next to the listing of all Council members on our SNCP website soon!

Yard signs celebrating the 175th Anniversary of HNJ, are available. Consider staking one in your yard, proudly proclaiming this milestone!

Next Meeting: Monday, April 26, 2021, 6:30pm, Location TBD (probably Zoom).
Committee Reports-Due by the 15th of the Month, Email to: laura9326@charter.net.

Meeting ended at 7:31 PM.

Closing Prayer: Kym Leibham

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Graney, SNCP Recording Secretary

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