

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
CARBONDALE, IL
24 April 2006**

Goal: “To enhance and increase the meaningful involvement of more parishioners in the spiritual and social aspects of our Parish community.”

- 1. To improve adult religious education activities.**
- 2. To increase Mass attendance.**
- 3. To increase activities and attendance at activities.**
- 4. To improve communication between Parish leadership and the community.**

In attendance: Laura Butler, Father Bob Flannery, Chuck Grace, Jack Hagan, Sister Rosemary Henrichs, Laura Kidd, Margie Mitchell, Steve Schauwecker, Ed Varsa, Doris Walker

Absent: Ben Balsano, Bob Bauman, Jane Boardman, Amber Crawshaw, Leslie Ferraro, Nick Ferraro, Tonì Intravaia

- 1. Prayer/Reflection: Father Bob:** At 7:03 PM, Father Bob opened the meeting with a reading from the third Sunday of Easter. Reflection followed.
- 2. Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair L. Butler called the meeting to order.
- 3. Visitors :** None.
- 4. Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2006:** E. Varsa moved that the February 27, 2006 minutes be approved; M. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Capital Campaign:** At the last Capital Campaign meeting, there were some new people who expressed interest in serving on the committee. George Scheffer and Thom Mitchell gave a brief talk on the previous Church Renovation campaign and offered good advice and suggestions. Another meeting will be held in May. Chairs are still needed for this committee.
 - B. Parish Website Updates:** The Parish Website needs updates in the following areas: Parish calendar, Council minutes, bulletin.
 - C. Reflection on Needs and Goals Process:** Continuation of the Council’s goal planning will be postponed until the next Council meeting so that in-coming Council members can have a chance to participate in this process.
- 6. Committees and Report:**
 - A. Heritage Club:** The club has been meeting regularly and having well-attended events.

B. **Liturgy:** There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on April 25. Easter liturgies went well.

C. **Women's Club:** M. Mitchell reported that the Club met one week earlier to discuss distribution of monies. The Club has decided that \$2500 will be given to various charities; the Club will also buy vacuum cleaners as well as altar items. The May breakfast for all women of the Parish will be held after the 10:00 Mass on May 21.

D. **Knights of Columbus:** E. Varsa reported that the scholarship selection committee met last week. There will be \$4000 dollars distributed to six applicants. The Knights' appreciation dinner for the PSR teachers is tentatively scheduled for May 21 at Hunan's. The Knights' Family Social is scheduled for June, with a date to be selected.

E. **Family Life:** Family events included the Easter egg hunt and Family Stations, which were well attended. The Family Mass will be held May 3.

F. **Community Life: Health Committee:** D. Weaver reported that a bulletin board will be placed at the back of the church and information will be posted to inform people about health-related issues and events. In the near future, a meeting will be held with interested people from Saint Andrew Parish. The committee usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

G. **Finance Council:** S. Schauwecker has tentatively scheduled a meeting for May 3. Thanks to B. Baumann for helping with some financial duties.

H. **Faith Formation:** T. Intravaia has submitted a report which may be found as **Attachment A** to these minutes.

I. **Building & Grounds:** M. Mitchell reported that the estimate proposal from Asaturian Eaton is ready to be signed; once it is signed, we can start getting a cost estimate for the proposed Xavier Hall renovations. She also reminded the Council that in order to get the energy grant rebate, there are still some things that need to be fixed/changed. She will contact the janitor regarding these items. The next meeting of the B & G committee is scheduled for May 16.

J. **Social Justice:** Various events concerning social justice were held at our cluster parishes during Lent. Congratulations to Elsie Speck for receiving the Christian Service Award from Catholic Social Services.

K. **Youth Representatives:** No report.

L. **Saint Andrew School:** D. Weaver reported that the School is in need of yard goods and materials for the quilts that are made and raffled at their August Festival. Graduation will be held May 19.

M. **Small Christian Communities:** Sister Rosemary reported that one SCC wrote welcome cards for each RCIA candidate. A brief discussion was held concerning starting study

groups, and the general consensus is that steps will be taken in this direction, probably forming groups in the fall.

N. **Organ:** The Organ Committee met and has decided to check with various companies for options on organ types and then have a Parish meeting presenting various options to the Parish. Information on the present state and cost to renovate our organ also needs to be gathered. Bill Ferraro is the head of the committee.

O. **Stewardship Committee:** The Prayer cycle will start in May. The monthly meetings with Saint Andrew Parish have stopped, but the committees get together on a semi-regular basis to share ideas.

P. **Cluster Council:** Listening sessions are being held at each of our cluster parishes. The first one was at Saint Andrew and was well attended. Two more are scheduled for Saint Francis and Newman Center.

7. **New Business**

A. **New Pastoral Council Members :** New Council members will have to be chosen for the next year. The terms of three members are currently up: J. Hagan, C. Grace and D. Weaver. All are eligible to serve one more term. C. Grace and D. Weaver indicated that they will continue to serve; J. Hagan will leave the Council at the end of his term. Two Council members are needed, one member to fill J. Hagan's place and one member to fill a seat that has been vacant for over a year. Father opened the floor asking for suggestions for some new Council members, and a list was compiled. J. Hagan will lead the nominations committee.

Thanks to Jack Hagan for serving on the Pastoral Council. He added a lot of common sense and humor to our meetings and he will be missed.

B. **Confirmation, May 5, 7:00 PM:** The Parish is preparing to welcome Bishop Braxton for Confirmation to be held on May 5. Father will contact the Bishop for his final itinerary.

8. **Pastoral Associates:** Sister Rosemary reported on the following: Juliana Cruz will be the new youth representative; Sister continues to recruit for people to serve on the YMPT; the RCIA closing banquet will be held April 25.

9. **Pastor's Report :** Father and the Council set the Parish Picnic for August 28. M. Mitchell will reserve the shelter at Evergreen Park. Father reminded the Council of the upcoming Farm Blessing.

10: **Next Agenda Items : The next Council meeting will be Monday, May 22, 7:00, Xavier Hall.** Out-going Council members and new Council members are asked to attend; after the meeting is called to order, the out-going members may leave. After the new Council members are welcomed, new officers to the Council will be chosen and then the new Council will continue goal planning.

11. **Individual responsibilities:**

- >J. Hagan to contact people for service on Council;
- >M. Mitchell will reserve shelter at Evergreen Park for Parish Picnic.
- >Council members to reflect on previous goal planning session and come prepared to discuss new goals.

12. **Adjournment:** M. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by E. Varsa and approved by a voice vote. The meeting ended at 8:40 PM and was closed by a prayer by Sister Rosemary.

Respectfully submitted by Laura K. Kidd

Attachment A
PSR Report, Toni' Intravaia, April 24, 2006

Saturday the 22nd fourteen students made First Communion at the 5:30 Mass; five Hispanic students made their First Communion at the Sunday 12:15 Mass.

Last weekend the RCIA came into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you all for the wonderful reception held afterward.

On April 30th we will have Senior Sunday at the 10:00 Mass. At that time the Knights and the Women's Club will present the scholarships.

Then, on May 5th we will have Confirmation with Bishop Braxton. We are busily preparing programs and receptions for both.

(I am absent tonight since I am at Bank Night for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Last year Saint Francis Xavier Team placed fifth as money raised.)

The Tuesday evening Adult Bible classes continue, even though the numbers are small in attendance.

Our last Teens in Spirit meeting was April 2nd. It was very inspirational with the addition of Father Gary and Dave Ebenhoh from the Newman Center with emphasis on the Eight Beatitudes and the Seven Gifts.