

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
CARBONDALE, IL
Monday, September 10, 2007**

In Attendance: Jane Boardman, Laura Butler, Kathy Cafferata, Father Bob Flannery, Chuck Grace, Tonì Intravaia, Laura Kidd, Bob Lacynzski for Ed Varsa, Julie Laczynski, Paul McGreal, Margie Mitchell, Steve Schauwecker, Walt Tomczak, Lena Walker, Doris Weaver

Excused: Ana Migone, Bryan Stinchfield, Ed Varsa

1. **Prayer/Reflection** – Father Bob opened the meeting at 7:00 PM by reading from the Gospel of Luke (The Prodigal Son). Reflection followed.
2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair D. Weaver called the meeting to order. The Council welcomes our youth representatives, Lena Walker (present tonight) and Jane Smith.
3. **Visitors:** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2007:** Contingent on minor corrections, the minutes were approved on a voice vote.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Capital Campaign**—Father Bob: The amount pledged to this date is \$577,783.00 out of \$600,000.00. Payments have been made of \$200,698.56. Expenses that have been paid are \$132,617.66.
 - b. **Parish Website:** P. McGreal continues to take responsibility for the website. Additions have been made on a timely manner. Thanks to P. McGreal for taking care of the website and doing such a great job.
 - c. **Cluster Mission—October 6-10, 2007:** The Cluster Mission will start on October 6. All the subcommittees have been busy planning for this event. The first service will be at Saint Francis Xavier, the second will be at Saint Andrew and the last two services will be at the Newman Center.
 - d. **New Parish Directory:** Pictures will be taken for the Directory in November. Pictures will be ready for Christmas.
 - e. **Use of Xavier Hall for various non-parish events**—P. McGreal led a discussion on the first draft of the Xavier Hall use policies. Using suggestions from this discussion, he will draft another version of the policy for the Council to consider for the next Council meeting.
 - f. **Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal**—Father Bob reported that 138 households have contributed \$24,982.69. We are trying to reach our last year's response, which was \$33,563.10 from 167 households.
 - g. **Outdoor Mass and Picnic:** The annual SFX Outdoor Mass and Picnic was held on Sunday, August 26, 2007, at 11:00 AM at Evergreen Park. Attendance was a bit low from the

previous year, but the event went very well. Thanks to the Council members for helping to set-up and tear-down.

h. **New Council Members:** The Council welcomes our new youth representatives, Lena Walker and Jane Smith. For this semester, B. Stinchfield will be unable to attend most of our meetings because he has a night class.

i. **Security in Church and Xavier Hall**—There continue to be some security issues and some thefts from the Church and the Hall. The Church will be kept locked during the day, and those who wish to use the Church during office hours can go to the office and get a key to the Church.

j. **Eucharist Adoration:** The Eucharistic Adoration was very successful and the Council thanks the Knights of Columbus (and especially Bob Laczynski) for sponsoring this event. Discussion was held on holding another Adoration in December. Bob will bring this up to the Knights and get back to the Council.

k. **Welcome Dinner:** The Welcome Dinner for New Parishioners was held on September 14, 2007. The evening went very well, and everyone enjoyed the meal and the social time after the meal. Thanks to the Council for providing the meal.

6. **Committees and Reports**

a. **Heritage Club:** J. Boardman reported that the Heritage Club has planned the events for the coming year.

b. **Women's Club:** M. Mitchell reported that the Fall Fest will be held on October 19. The food will be prepared and served by the Knights and the Women's Club. The next meeting is October 3.

c. **Knights of Columbus:** Bob Laczynski reported for E. Varsa on the success of the Eucharistic Adoration, the future Tootsie Roll Drive, and the upcoming Fall Fest that they will hold with the Women's Club.

d. **Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations:** October is Respect Life Month.

e. **Community Life—Health Committee:** Nothing to report.

f. **Finance Council:** S. Schauwecker reported that the Parish is in fairly good shape financially. Expenses keep increasing, but so do donations.

g. **Faith Formation:** T. Intravaia's report may be found as **Attachment A** to these minutes.

An official Faith Formation Committee is in the talking and planning stages.

h. **Building & Grounds:** Nothing to report.

i. **Youth Representatives:** L. Walker reported on the upcoming Youth events, most notably the first Teens in Spirit day, which will be October 7.

j. **Saint Andrew School:** No report.

k. **Social Justice:** No report.

l. **Organ:** Father Bob reported that the Parish that has purchased our unassembled pipe organ is arranging for its transport. We have enough money in the Organ Fund to purchase an organ and that process will start soon.

m. **Stewardship Committee:** The Stewardship Committee is working on the Time and Talent Survey, which will be given in September.

n. **Cluster Council:** The planning subcommittees for the Cluster Mission are finishing their sessions in anticipation of the Mission that starts October 6.

o. **SCC (Small Christian Communities):** K. Cafferata is organizing the SCC that will start after the Mission. After each Mission service, there will be sign-up sheets for those that are interested.

7. **New Business.** No new business to report.

8. **Pastoral Associate's Report** – Kathy Cafferata reported that the RCIA members are very enthusiastic and that the lessons are going well. The two youth who are going to Australia for World Youth Day will be going with the group from the Marion Parish. YMPT activities are organized and occur regularly; TIS and Confirmation planning is also ongoing. She is also very involved in planning for the Small Christian Communities and that will begin after the Mission.

9. **Pastor's Report**—Father Bob continues to be grateful for his staff and all those who work for the Parish community.

10. **Future Agenda Items:**

>Review (final) draft Procedures and Policies.

>Plan for the upcoming All Souls' Mass reception.

11. **NEXT MEETING**—Monday, September October 15, 2007, Xavier Hall.

12. **Prayer & adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM with a prayer by K. Cafferata.

Respectfully submitted by L. Kidd

ATTACHMENT A
Pastoral Council September 10, 2007—Toní Intravaia, CRE

On September 4th I facilitated the Adult Refresher Course for the Child Protection with six attending—three from Saint Andrew and three from Saint Francis. I will be holding the second session this Thursday at 7 p.m.

Yesterday we had our opening class for the PSR program. It was Meet the Teacher session. As Father Bob can tell you—second grade was wall to wall with parents. Grades 1, 3 and 4 had a few parents attending. Upstairs grades 5, 6, 7, 8 might have had a few also. It was really great to have Father Bob and Kathy visit the downstairs grades. And it was even better to have them pause at my Freshman class.

In the evening we had the meeting of the parents plus students at St. Andrew. Thirty-three families attended with their teens from Saint Francis and ten attended from Saint Andrew. Between the team and Father Bob and Father Gary it was an eventful learning experience for the group of sophomores, juniors and seniors and then the juniors and seniors were instructed about Confirmation.

Bill Harper opened the Confirmation session with procession of all and the Litany of the Saints which included all the given names of the students present. As another aside, we had Frank's cheesecake, cookies and drinks for those attending. I will let Chuck add any other details.

The Eucharistic Adoration was a most inspiring addition to our church family. And as one young adult said to me that it was great to be with Jesus even for a short time. I think we need to be thankful to the Knights for this spiritual time.

We had sign ups for serving and had sign ups for helping with the Tootsie Roll Drive during registration.