

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
CARBONDALE, IL
Monday, October 15, 2007**

In Attendance: Jane Boardman, Laura Butler, Kathy Cafferata, Father Bob Flannery, Toni Intravaia, Laura Kidd, Julie Laczynski, Paul McGreal, Margie Mitchell, Walt Tomczak, Ed Varsa, Doris Weaver

Excused: Ana Migone, Steve Schauwecker, Bryan Stinchfield

Absent: Chuck Grace, Youth Representative

1. **Prayer/Reflection** – Father Bob opened the meeting at 7:00 PM by reading from the Gospel of Luke. Reflection followed.
2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair D. Weaver called the meeting to order.
3. **Visitors:** None.
4. **Approval of September 2007 Minutes:** Contingent on minor corrections, a motion was made by E. Varsa and seconded by P. McGreal to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Capital Campaign**—Father Bob: The amount pledged to this date is \$582,783.00 out of \$610,000.00. Pledges received: \$223,585.68; expenses paid: \$234,197.73. A loan was secured for \$100,000 to cover expenses.
 - b. **Parish Website:** P. McGreal continues to update the website, and everything is current.
 - c. **Cluster Mission—October 6-10, 2007:** The response to the Cluster Mission has been positive. The general consensus was that the Mission presentations and activities were well-balanced.
 - d. **New Parish Directory:** D. Weaver reported that the next meeting of the Directory committee will be November 6 and details are being finalized. Steve Buhman will do shots of ministries and Parish groups and committees.
 - e. **Use of Xavier Hall for various non-parish events**—P. McGreal led a discussion on the second draft of the Xavier Hall use policies. Further refinement will be done and will be discussed at the November Council meeting.
 - f. **Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal**—Father Bob reported that 143 households have contributed \$26,275.06. We are trying to reach our last year's response, which was \$33,563.10 from 167 households.
 - g. **New Council Member:** The Council has to check with B. Stinchfield to see if his spring schedule will permit him to continue on the Council.

h. **Eucharistic Adoration:** There will be an Eucharistic Adoration, starting at 6:00 PM on December 6th and ending at 7:00 PM on December 7th.

i. **Security in Church and Xavier Hall**—The Building and Grounds Committee will meet on November 6, and one of the items for discussion will be security issues. L. Butler will try to get a security consultant to come and talk to the Committee about some options.

6. **Committees and Reports**

a. **Heritage Club:** J. Boardman reported that the Heritage Club met last Thursday, celebrated Mass and had a speaker. One request that J. Boardman was asked to pass on to Father was that it is often difficult to hear people at the ambo. Father will try to improve this situation.

b. **Women's Club:** M. Mitchell reported that the Fall Fest will be held on October 19. The next meeting will be November 14; Father will celebrate a Mass for the deceased women of the Parish and then the Women's Club will host a birthday meal for Father. The Cookie Walk has been scheduled for December 15.

c. **Knights of Columbus:** E. Varsa reported that the Tootsie Roll drive was very successful and over \$4600 was collected. He was also pleased to report that 14 young people helped with the drive. Two new members will be initiated Sunday, October 21st. The Knights' next meeting will be November 7th.

d. **Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations:** Parish family activities for the month of October include the Living Rosary, the Cluster Mission, Anointing of the Sick, Caregiver Blessing, and Father Denis Wilde who will give a presentation and speech for the KC Respect Life Weekend.

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

f. **Finance Council:** Father Bob reported that the financial record keeping for the Parish is in 'great' shape, with special thanks to Diann Tomczak.

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

h. **Building & Grounds:** M. Mitchell reported that the B&G Committee met on October 1. Jim Ewers will write a proposal for roof repairs. At the next meeting, a presentation on security matters will be given.

i. **Youth Representatives:** No report.

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

k. **Social Justice:** The third annual Red Mass for those in the legal profession was held on the first Wednesday of October. There was a good turnout. This year, law students were also invited to attend.

l. **Organ:** No report.

m. **Stewardship Committee:** The Stewardship Committee is doing the follow-up to the Time and Talent Survey.

n. **Cluster Council:** The next meeting has been scheduled for November 29th.

o. **SCC (Small Christian Communities):** K. Cafferata is working on organizing the groups for the SCC. She has about 30-35 new people who are interested.

p. **Liturgy Committee:** All Saints' Day is November 1. Our annual All Souls' Day Service and Reception will be held on November 2. The Council is responsible for the reception.

K. Cafferata and J. Boardman also attended the Diocesan Liturgy Conference which concentrated on the Eucharist.

7. **New Business.**

a. **Choir Director:** Arlene Transue is our new Choir Director. Her husband, Paul, is our main accompanist.

b. **Other Matters:** On Sunday, November 1st, the Pastoral Council is responsible for Donut and Coffee Sunday.

8. **Pastoral Associate's Report** – Kathy Cafferata reported the following:

>the Youth Group Sunday donations totaled \$2000 and she expressed her thanks for the Parish's generosity. She announced that she plans on using that money to help fund youth activities as well as helping youth to attend various events.

>Many youth participated in the Tootsie Roll drive sponsored by the Knights.

>She is planning a meeting for October 22 to reorganize the YMPT.

>RCIA is "doing great." There are 3 adults and 2 children participating in RCIA so far. The Rite of Election has been scheduled for November 11th.

9. **Pastor's Report**—Nothing new to report.

10. **Future Agenda Items:**

>Review (second) draft of the Xavier Hall Procedures and Policies.

11. **NEXT MEETING**—Monday, November 26, 2007, Xavier Hall.

12. **Prayer & adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with a prayer by K. Cafferata.

Respectfully submitted by L. Kidd

ATTACHMENT A
Pastoral Council October 15, 2007—Toní Intravaia, CRE

Welcome Dinner on the 14th was exciting; Catechist meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. September 18; went well.

The Children's Protection meeting on Sunday the 16th at 9 a.m. was a repeat, one leader arrived at 9, but the second one arrived at 9:45, so in the meantime Pat Cripps was helper for the presentation. Rose Hogan was in charge of the second level students who were not allowed to attend; Mary Matteson took care of the lower level.

On October 1, Paulette Sparling, Father Gary and I attended the Confirmation meeting with Bishop Braxton. We received many papers; one of which has to be returned to Belleville by October 22nd.

The Red Mass for me was very special. (My first job was secretary to a lawyer during the second World War.)

The Living Rosary had very, very few children. Attendance was good, but still most people held two candles (beads).

Many of the PSR faculty were involved with the Mission organization meeting held on September 20 with a follow up meeting with the Mission leaders on October 6.

Teens in Spirit held the first meeting on October 7th from 9:30 (Mass at 10) until 3 p.m. The main meeting was having the students prepare a list of 10 items for discussion during the year. Chuck will give the details on this. Attending the Mission at 7 p.m. was part of the day for them. The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 27th at Bleyer Lodge.

The Mission itself was awesome! My particular charge was the children: first night we had 14 with crowns for the covenant; Tuesday Sister Ann and I had 4 children with their notes of "sorry" and Tony O'Malley and I were with 1 child on Wednesday. We both learned about being servants with Ryan.

How can I ever thank all the wonderful people in God's cluster at Saint Francis, Saint Andrew and Newman Center for celebrating a special day of my life?? So, I will say a prayer of thanks for our special Cluster.