

Saint Francis Xavier Pastoral Council Minutes
22 January 2007
Carbondale, IL 62901

In Attendance: Jane Boardman, Laura Butler, Father Bob Flannery, Sister Rosemary Henrichs, Toni Intravaia, Margie Mitchell, Laura Kidd, Julie Lacynski, Ana Migone, Paul McGreal, Steve Schauwacker, Ed Varsa, Doris Weaver

Excused: Juliana Cruz, Chuck Grace

1. Prayer/Reflection: Father opened the meeting at 7:03 P.M. with a prayer and a reading from the Gospel of Luke. Reflection on the reading followed.

2. Call to Order: As a reminder, two seats on the Council need to be filled. Father announced that Leslie Ferraro, due to her work schedule, has regrettably resigned from the Council. The other seat on the Council occurred with the passing of Bob Bauman.

3. Visitors: None

4. Approval of November Minutes: Due to a technical error, there are no November 2006 minutes to approve.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Campaign: Father reported on the first reception for the Capital Campaign. He was pleased at the good numbers and the quality of the reception. Helen Wisinski is in charge of organizing the receptions, and many of the women of the Parish are also helping her and doing an excellent job. There will be two more receptions this week (Tuesday and Thursday). The informational DVD is very good and gets the message out very effectively. Likewise, the witness talks have also been well received. T. Intravaia reported on the fliers that the youth will be making in the PSR classes to help promote the 'Together Tomorrow' campaign. February 11, 2007 is commitment Sunday. Father reported that there has been a good response for advancing giving. The first Sunday in March will be 'Celebration Sunday'. Discussion then followed on the possible involvement of our Hispanic community to this project.

B. Parish Website: After the formal presentations on the 'Together Tomorrow' campaign, the DVD will be put on the Parish website for others to view.

C. Kneelers: Father reported that all of the money for the kneelers has been donated. If there are any excess donations, the monies will be put into the Capital Campaign fund.

D. Good Samaritan Representative: Pat Elsaid is our Parish representative on the Good Sam board.

E. Lights Fantastic Float: Our Lights Fantastic float will be stored by Trudy and Geza Winkler. Happily, their son is an electrician and can spearhead the repairs needed on our float.

F. Finish Goals or Pastoral Letter: This will be delayed until our February meeting.

6. COMMITTEES AND REPORTS

A. Heritage Club: J. Boardman deferred to Father for the latest report. At the last meeting, the Club celebrated Mass with Father Bob, and the Lorelei singers from Germany entertained. As usual, a great lunch was served and enjoyed by all the participants. Father showed slides from his trip to Los Angeles, which featured slides of the new cathedral. The February meeting will most likely be held at Hunan's, and further information will be published in the bulletin.

B. Liturgy: Masses for the Christmas season went well. The Liturgy Committee is starting to prepare for the Lenten and Easter seasons.

C. Women's Club: M. Mitchell reported that the cookie walk and Christmas yard sale was very successful; about \$1468 was made on the cookie walk and about \$265 was made on the 'yard sale.' The 'yard sale' will be held next year. The first Lenten fish fry will be February 23; the second will be March 30. The next meeting of the Club will be February 12.

D. Knights of Columbus: E. Varsa reported that the Knights held a regular meeting in December. In January, a memorial mass was said for the deceased members. The February meeting will be on the 8th.

E. Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations: Joan Sherwood is in Washington for the March for Life. Father reminds everyone to continue to pray for vocations.

F. Community Life—Health Committee: No report.

G. Finance Council: Father: We all mourn the loss of Bob Bauman. He was involved in so many of our Parish activities and duties and he will be solely missed, not only for what he did, but for what he was to so many in our Parish. Thankfully, many people in the Parish have volunteered to help with many of Bob's jobs until replacements can be found: Nancy Huffman (payroll), Gus Mihalopulos (end-of-the-year report). Diane Tomczak is willing to be trained to become our new bookkeeper and work with the payroll. Father also informed the Council that the Diocese now wants quarterly financial reports.

H. Faith Formation: A report from T. Intravaia may be found as *Attachment A* to these minutes.

I. Buildings and Grounds: All the focus of this committee has been on getting the Capital Campaign started. As a reminder, the Diocese requires all contracts, etc. for their records.

J. Youth Representatives: Sister Rosemary reported that the party at the Rec Center was very successful; Gina Hill and Micki Weaver were in charge of this event. The high school youth purchased Christmas gifts for Hispanic children who would have no Christmas; the gifts were greatly appreciated and our youth is to be commended for their charity. Three of the high schoolers have now become Eucharistic ministers and were trained by Sister. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on February 10. World Youth Day in Australia is being organized; three youth from our Parish have expressed interest in attending. This year, there are at least 20 youth who have expressed interest in attending the Diocesan Youth Conference in March.

K. Saint Andrews School: A. Migone reported on Bishop Braxton's visit to Saint Andrew School. The school is busy preparing for the Geography Bee, basketball tournaments and Catholic Schools Week.

L. Social Justice: Elsie Speck continues her work in this area and continues to keep the Parish informed on the many social justice opportunities and events.

M. Organ: A new committee is in the process of being formed.

N. Stewardship Committee: More people are needed to serve on the Stewardship Committee. This year, because of the Capital Campaign, there will not be a 'Treasure' component; this will be reinstated next year. The committee has also met with the Finance Committee.

O. Cluster Council: The next meeting for the Cluster Council will be January 24 at Saint Andrew. Planning for the Cluster Mass that will be celebrated on February 18 will be the focus of the agenda.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cluster Council Agenda Items: The next big event will be the first Cluster Mass, February 18, at the Newman Center. J. Boardman will contact our choir director to start plans for a joint cluster choir on that day. Volunteers will be contact by Father Bob to help with the lunch that is planned for that day.

B. Cluster Mission: A cluster mission is being discussed. Tentative dates are the end of September/beginning of October, 2007.

C. Catholic Social Services Benefit: The CSS Social Services Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 17 at the Herrin Civic Center.

D. Accompanist: The search continues for another accompanist for our worship services.

E. Other Coffee and Donuts Days: Sister reported that her plan of asking each group in the Parish to host the First Sunday Coffee and Donut Fellowship is working very well. The Patronal Feast Day Cake and Coffee social was also a great success.

F. New Parish Directory: Father suggests, and the Council concurs, that it will soon be time to produce a new Parish directory.

G. Souper Bowl Sunday: Our Parish's offering for the yearly Good Sam Souper Bowl was the last Sunday in January. It is expected that our Parish will continue to be generous in their giving.

8. Pastoral Associate's Report: Sister Rosemary reported that this year's RCIA continues to be a strong, excited class. There are eleven adults and one child who are attending the classes. The candidates will be traveling to the Cathedral on January 25

9. Pastor's Report: Father Bob reported on some more neighborhood vandalism that occurred. He also reported on a successful Pre-Cana weekend. He also announced that our choir director, Clarence

Carter, and our Pastoral Associate, Sister Rosemary, will be leaving at the end of the academic year. There will be searches for people to fill these positions.

10. Other:

A. T. Intravaia announced that she will soon be distributing letter to the seniors on available scholarships.

11. Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting closed at 8:33 P.M. with a prayer led by Sister Rosemary.

Respectfully submitted by Laura K. Kidd.

Attachment A
Report: Toní Intravaia, Coordinator PSR
January 22, 1007

1. December 3rd we had our Teens in Spirit meeting at St. Andrew. Nine were absent out of 42. The meeting was excellent; the students reported that it was the best yet. The one problem was that St. Andrew was having their coffee/doughnut break following the Mass at the same time as our lunch—just caused a bit of mixup. In the meantime, last Sunday Laura Kidd and I had makeup for those not in attendance at Murphysboro with four hours discussing two films. Chuck and Barb Grace and the TIS team are now preparing for the February 11 gathering at Newman Center.
2. Adult Religious Education meetings finished the Bishop's Letter and the monthly Catechist and are now into the Gospel of John. It is not well attended, but continues for those adults who take the time.
3. As PSR Youth coordinator for the *Together Tomorrow* Campaign, we had dedicated February 4th, Sunday, as our thrust with each grade creating a flyer to be put in the church in February 4th as the families with the students gather at the 10 A.M. Mass for prayer.
4. As it is with many, PSR has had teacher illness, but subs keep us going. Attendance has improved since calls were made after three absences. Christmas Caroling with Sister Rosemary at the Mall was greatly received with about \$70 donated for our sister mission. For December, Sister Rosemary and I had teenagers do the ministries. In January, the eighth grade did the ministries.