

**Saint Francis Xavier Pastoral Council Minutes
23 October 2006
Carbondale, IL 62901**

In Attendance: Bob Bauman, Jane Boardman, Laura Butler, Father Bob Flannery, Chuck Grace, Sister Rosemary Henrichs, Tonì Intravaia, Laura Kidd, Paul McGreal

Excused: Juliana Cruz, Leslie Ferraro, Julie Lacynski, Ana Migone, Margie Mitchell, Ed Varsa, Doris Weaver

Prayer/Reflection: Father opened the meeting at 7:05 with a reading from the Gospel of Mark. Reflection on the reading followed.

Call to Order: The Council welcomes our newest member, Paul McGreal.

Visitors: None

Approval of September Minutes: With the correction of minor spelling and grammar errors, C. Grace moved to accept the September 2006 Pastoral Council minutes. B. Bauman seconded this motion, which was then carried by a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Campaign: Father reported that the Capital Campaign Committee is making good progress. Once the details have been finalized, a member of the Committee will attend a Council meeting to report on the plan. Briefly, the fundraising will be a three tiered structure. Tier 1 will concentrate on the heating and cooling system refitting for Xavier Hall; Tier 2 will focus on the roof, drivets, parking lots, bay curtains; Tier 3 will focus on the organ and flooring for hall. To help explain the Capital Campaign, an informational CD rom will be produced that will be distributed to parishioners. An open house to explain the campaign will also be held. Current plans are to have a commitment weekend at the end of January 2007. The estimated total cost for the renovation of Xavier Hall is approximately \$500,000.

B. Parish Website: Our new webmaster is Suzanne Nasco.

C. Kneelers: Father reported that the estimated cost for the Church kneelers will be \$5000. There are some donors for this already, but additional funding will be need to be solicited.

D. Bishop's Pastoral Letter: The next discussion for the Bishop's Pastoral Letter by the Council will be at the November 2006 meeting.

E. Good Samaritan Representative: A board member for the Good Samaritan House is needed from Saint Francis Xavier Parish. Suggestions were given to Father.

F. Lights Fantastic Float: A person is needed to coordinate the Lights Fantastic Float from our Parish. The second graders will ride the float with Father. L. Butler will check on the registration for our float.

G. Finish Goals: The Council worked through page 3 of our new goals and will finish the goals at the next meeting.

COMMITTEES AND REPORTS

A. Heritage Club: J. Boardman reported on the most current activities of the Heritage Club.

B. Liturgy:

>The All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance will be held on Thursday, November 2. The Pastoral Council is responsible for the social after the Mass. D. Weaver requested that members of the Pastoral Council help carry candles if there is a need.

>Father reported that there will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM, with the traditional loaves of bread for the congregation.

>Masses for the Christmas Day weekend have been tentatively set as follows:

=Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be on December 30, Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 PM and only one Mass on Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 AM.

=Christmas Masses are scheduled for Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 PM and at Midnight; Christmas Day Mass will be held on Monday, December 25 at 9:00 AM.

C. Women's Club: M. Mitchell reported (via email to L. Kidd) the following:

>Fall Fest was very successful and made over \$2200. These profits will be shared between the Women's Club and the KCs. The raffle cleared almost \$1500 and \$213 was made on the baked goods.

>The next Women's Club meeting will be November 8, to celebrate Father Bob's birthday.

D. Knights of Columbus: No report.

E. Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations: To celebrate Respect Life Month, brochures on various issues concerning current debates on life and science have been included in all the bulletins during the month of October.

F. Community Life—Health Committee: No report

G. Finance Council: Father reported that, although the Parish is still behind in collection, people are giving more and donations are really strong. However, expenses just keep going up. B. Bauman reported that the Finance Council has done a very good job of paring the budget down to the absolute minimum expenses. A presentation from member of the Finance Council to explain last year's financial report and the budget is tentatively planned for the first weekend of November.

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

I. Buildings and Grounds: See items for Capital Campaign.

J. Youth Representatives: Sister Rosemary reported on the positive response about the Hearts on Fire TIS retreat from the youth who attended. Those who could not attend the retreat attended a Bible Study; response was positive as well.

K. Saint Andrews School: No report

L. Social Justice: No report

M. Organ: No report

N. Stewardship Committee: B. Bauman reported that they are still receiving returns from the point of contact people from the Time & Talent Survey. The next meeting will be October 24. B. Bauman is also attending the meeting at the Cathedral for Eucharistic and liturgical ministers Saturday, October 28.

O. Cluster Council: The next meeting of the Cluster Council will be Tuesday, October 24. Some of the items that will be discussed include a cluster mission, Pastoral Council retreat, adult ed possibilities, cluster Mass/event, social justice cluster possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cluster Council Agenda Items: see Item O above.

Pastoral Associate' Report:

>Sister reported that the Camp Ondessonk retreat for middle school youth may be cancelled because not enough youth have registered.

>The Ghost Walk will be held next Sunday the 29th at 5:00 PM. Scott Thorne leads the walk, which is a very popular event.

>RCIA is going very well. There are twelve candidates. There are also three people who are attending just to learn more about their religion. There are two more sponsors who are needed, one man and one woman.

Pastor's Report:

>To help get information on health-related events, Father will look for a bulletin board that the Health Committee can use.

>With B. Bauman's help, he will also look into adjusting the speakers in the back foyer of the Church.

>The Pet Blessing went well. Plans are to also advertise this in the local newspaper for next year.

Next Agenda Items:

>Continue with the Goal Planning Grid.

>Discuss Bishop's Letter

>Lights Fantastic Float update

Reminders:

- >If possible, have a representative from the Capital Campaign Committee attend the Council meeting;
- >B. Bauman to print out a list of volunteers from the Time & Talent Survey for Sister;
- >The Cookie Walk is December 16.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at Xavier Hall, on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

Prayer and Adjournment: B. Bauman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Father Bob. Father Bob led the closing prayer. The meeting closed at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Laura K. Kidd

ATTACHMENT A
PSR Report, Toní Intravaia, October 23, 2006

Registration is still going on in the PSR program. Saturday I received three from the Teens in Spirit Group. And yesterday we had two new boys come in for first grade and kindergarten.

Saturday we had our first TIS program in Herrin with NET group—Hearts on Fire—25 of our Youth were in attendance. It was an awesome day for them. The group was for Youth and with Youth. You could have heard a pin drop. And for us on the team it was inspirational. Last night Sister Rosemary and I did the first two-hour makeup for ten for ten of the group that could not attend because of school activities. Our other part of the makeup will be November 12.

The first of our Adult Study Group met with David Ebenhoh on the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. The next two meetings carried on with the Pastoral Letter. Then we had our monthly Catechist meeting. So we will now continue with the Pastoral Letter. It is really very good to share it together and discuss the various sections.

I have sent in the yearly report of the PSR program to the Diocese which indicates the number of our students: 9 in kindergarten; 23 in first; 25 in second; 15 in third; 14 in fourth; 10 in fifth; 16 in sixth; 14 in seventh; 8 in eighth; and 45 (I think) in the sophomores, juniors and seniors. Also the report listed the catechists, the texts and any supplementary material.

On September 24 we had Catholic Social Services present the Child Abuse program for our PSR grades K through 8th. Also the report on the Renewal for Child Protection of our Catechists has gone to Belleville.

The Living Rosary was held on October 4th with some holding two candles. Again this was very inspirational. The Pet Blessing was held on October 8th and Father will share this with you. The Reconciliation Workshop for Parents was held on Sunday October 15 at 9 AM with all but two parents attending.