

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Draft Minutes

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

CARBONDALE, IL

Monday, March 24, 2008

In Attendance: Laura Butler, Kathy Cafferata, Father Bob Flannery, Laura Kidd, Paul McGreal, Margie Mitchell, Walt Tomczak, Ed Varsa, Doris Weaver, Sharon Wunderle

Excused: Toni Intraivaia, Julie Laczynski, Ana Migone

Absent: Jane Boardman, Chuck Grace, Steve Schauwecker, Youth Representative

1. **Prayer/Reflection** – Father Bob opened the meeting at 7:07 PM with the reading of the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Reflection followed.
2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair D. Weaver called the meeting to order.
3. **Visitors:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2008:** With minor corrections, a motion was made by E. Varsa and seconded by W. Tomczak to accept the February 2008 minutes. The motion carried on a voice vote.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Capital Campaign** – The total amount pledged is \$583,783.00 out of \$610,000.00. Pledges received to date total \$276,648.47. Expenses paid out total \$257,041.72. Work on a new roof should start next month (April) and should be finished by early June. The heat and air switches for the upstairs offices and classrooms will also be re-done. A second bid will be submitted for the replacement of the folding doors in the basement bays.
 - b. **Parish Website:** P. McGreal reported that he and K. Cafferata are planning to expand the website information on the sacraments this summer. Everything on the website is up-to-date.
 - c. **New Parish Directory:** Father Bob reported that he is waiting for the final draft of the directory to proof. The directory should be finished in April or May.
 - d. **Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal:** Our Parish target for the CSMA is \$26,851 with 152 households participating. To date, \$15,670.35 from 88 households has been pledged. The Parish is on target for our goal.
 - e. **New Council Members** – The Council welcomes Sharon Wunderle as a new member.

Current elected members on the Council and their terms are as follows:

2005-2008: L. Butler, L. Kidd, J. Laczynski (L. Butler and L. Kidd cannot serve another term; J. Laczynski may serve another term.)

2006-2009: D. Weaver, C. Grace, A. Migone (D. Weaver and C. Grace's final term is up in 2009; A. Migone may serve another 3-year term.)

2007-2010: P. McGreal, Walt Tomczak, S. Wunderle (P. McGreal, W. Tomczak and S. Wunderle may all serve one more 3-year term after their current term expires in 2010.)

- f. **Eucharistic Adoration date** – Comments have all been positive on the last Eucharistic Adoration, which was held February 28 and 29. The next Eucharistic Adoration has been scheduled for May 29 and 30, which coincides with the Feast of the Sacred Heart (May 30). Special appreciation and thanks to the Laczynski's, who started these devotions in our Parish and to the Knights of Columbus, for organizing and planning these events.

6. Committees and Reports

- a. **Heritage Club:** Father reported that the last Heritage Club event was the Saint Patrick's Day celebration. There was Mass and a traditional corn beef and cabbage luncheon with musical entertainment.
- b. **Women's Club:** M. Mitchell reported that the next meeting of the Women's Club will be an April 9th salad dinner. At that meeting, the Club will be reviewing the charity donations. On May 18th, the Women's Club Mother's Day breakfast will be held.
- c. **Knights of Columbus:** E. Varsa reported that the Fish Fry, held on March 14, served 365 people and approximately \$2277 was made, most of which will be used to grant scholarships to our graduating seniors; the scholarship monies will be given out at Senior Sunday, which is April 27th. An appreciation dinner for fish fry and Tootsie Roll workers will be held April 4th.
- d. **Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations:** Events pertinent to these concerns include
 - >the Jackson County March for Life, which will be held Saturday, March 29th; there will be a breakfast and a march;
 - >Family Stations of the Cross were held in March 7th;
 - >There were Easter egg hunts after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses on Easter Sunday.
- e. **Community Life – Health Committee:** D. Weaver reported that she and K. Cafferata are working on continuing events, as well as finding new committee members. .
- f. **Finance Council:** Father reported that the next meeting will be April 24, and will concentrate on preparing a budget for the next fiscal year.
- g. **Faith Formation:** Please see **Attachment A** for the report from the Coordinator of Religious Education.
- h. **Building & Grounds:** M. Mitchell reported that the notice of award for the roofing job was given to Taylor Roofing. The paperwork is currently being completed so that the work can begin.
- i. **Youth Representatives:** No report.
- j. **Saint Andrew School:** No report.
- k. **Social Justice:** Elsie Speck and her social justice group held their annual Good Friday vigil at the Tamms Prison.
- l. **Stewardship Committee:** Next cycle is the Treasure Commitment, which is tentatively scheduled for May.
- m. **Cluster Council:** L. Kidd reported that the Cluster Council held a meeting on March 10th, to recap the Cluster Mass. The next meeting is scheduled for April

28th, and planning will begin on a 2009 mission. As a reminder, Saint Francis Xavier Parish will host the 2009 Cluster Mass.

- n. **Small Christian Communities:** K. Cafferata reported that some of the groups had to reschedule meetings because of the weather. There will be a gathering on May 28 with Sue Hewitt from the Diocese to evaluate the current series.
- o. **Liturgy Committee:** Father Bob reported that at the next meeting, the Committee will evaluate the Easter services. New members are also needed.
- p. **Hispanic Community Report:** No report.

7. New Business

- a. **“Seeds of Hope”** – This event has been rescheduled for May 31, 2008. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office.
- b. **Other Matters:** L. Butler read the latest letter from Bishop Braxton. This letter will be distributed to the Parish community in the bulletin.

8. Pastoral Associate’s Report – Kathy Cafferata reported on the following:

>Thank you to the Pastoral Council for the reception welcoming the newest members of our Parish after the Easter Vigil.

>The youth have been very busy, especially the four youth who will attend the Diocesan Youth Conference at the end of March and the two youth who will attend the World Youth Day in Sidney. The Hall of Fame honorees have been selected for this year: Claire and Thom Mitchell and Juliana Cruz. A new Diocesan honor will also be given this year, the Trinitarian Award, and Katie Tomczak has been selected to receive that award.

>The next Teens in Spirit will be held on April 6 at Bleyer Ranch. The featured speaker will be Jeff Jenkins.

>Confirmation is scheduled for Friday, April 25 at 5:30 PM.

>The RCIA group will continue to meet to explore the Catholic faith further as they enter the period of mystagogy.

9. Pastor’s Report – Father Bob:

>The Lenten Penance Services at all of the Parishes were very well attended.

>The Lenten/Easter Services went well and were well attended, especially the Easter Sunday Masses.

>Children’s Liturgy was provided by T. Intraivaia at both Masses on Easter Sunday and was well attended.

>Father Bob reminds everyone and every group to please check schedules and event bookings with the common calendar in the Parish Office in order to avoid conflicts of time and space.

>Interfaith Week will be held in April; there will be a banquet on April 12th. This is first time that Carbondale is having this event and everyone is welcome.

>Father Bob will be attending the Pope’s Ecumenical Service in New York in April.

>Catholic Social Services will be having their annual breakfast fundraiser on April 5th in Herrin. This is CSS’s major fundraising event of the year.

>Father will be taking a sabbatical from 15 June to 16 July.

10. Future Agenda Items

>Selecting new Council Members.

11. **Next Meeting** – Monday, April 28, 2008: Vice-Chair P. McGreal will assume the duties of the Chair.

12. **Individual Responsibilities**

>M. Mitchell to reserve space at Evergreen Park for the annual Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic, which will be held August 24th.

13. **Prayer and adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM with a prayer led by K. Cafferata.

Respectively submitted by L. Kidd

ATTACHMENT A
Report from the CRE, Toni Intravaia
March 24, 2008

The PSR program continues: March 1st we had all the First Communion students in our Retreat. I am now "quilting" the 34 felt blocks they made. Also if you have a chance look at the picture of the class at the back of the church.

First Communion is on Saturday, April 5 at the 5:30 Mass. And the Hispanic group from the class of 34 will meet at the 12:15 Mass on April 6th.

Faith Formation group meeting on Tuesday nights has had to miss two times due to ice and super rains. So we will finish the sixth chapter of the Matthew session on tomorrow night with the class doing the homework for the two misses.

During Lent we have been meeting both at 8 and the 10 am Masses with the Children's Liturgy. Yesterday, Easter Sunday, we also met at the two Masses.

The RCIA has been very busy. I am part of the Team, but Kathy will give you the details. I work with two youth on Saturdays or on other times when sports intervene. And on the 22nd we had the excitement of the final coming into the Church with the nine.

The Teens in Spirit met on March 2nd at Newman Center. It was probably one of the most exciting ones that I remember. We had a panel discussion which the kids thoroughly enjoyed. The Mass introduced our two going to Australia, Dara and Juliana. And for the makeup for those missing we had a panel but reversed so we had the kids as the panel. As Chuck will add, plus other details, we still have two meetings for the Confirmation group on April 13 and 20 and our big last Teens in Spirit on April 6 at the Bleyer Ranch.

Confirmation will be Friday, April 25 at 5:30.

As an added note: The Pastoral Council needs a thank you for the Reception following the Easter Vigil for the new Catholics!

As a second added note: I am again for the 17th year the chairman for the Saint Francis Xavier Relay for Life Team. This Relay will occur on April 26 and 27, Saturday and Sunday.