

**Saint Francis Xavier Pastoral Council Minutes  
26 February 2007  
Carbondale, IL 62901**

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

**Absent:** Juliana Cruz, Julie Lacynski

**Excused:** Steve Schauwecker

**1. Prayer/Reflection:** Father opened the meeting at 7:07 P.M. with a prayer and a reading from the Gospel of Luke (the Transfiguration). Reflection and discussion on the reading followed.

**2. Call to Order/Roll Call:** There are two vacant seats on the Council. Elections for new Council Members will be discussed at the April meeting.

**3. Visitors:** None

**4. Approval of January 2007 Minutes:** A motion was made by M. Mitchell and seconded by E. Varsa to accept the January 2007. The motion called on a voice vote.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Capital Campaign:** Father reported that we are very close to reaching our goal. Follow-up calls will be made to those who have not responded to the Campaign. Celebration Weekend will be the first weekend in March. Father reported that the consultant is very pleased with our progress. Father thanks everyone who has helped with the Campaign.

**B. Parish Website:** Some items need to be updated. The Teens in Spirit website address should be added to the bulletin cover.

**C. Lights Fantastic Float: Float:** Trudy and Geza Winkler are storing our float. Repair work will be done on the float this summer.

**D. Cluster Mass and Meal:** Our first Cluster Mass and fellowship held at the Newman Center on February 18 was a success. Many people have commented on the great feeling and spirit of the event. Next year, the event will be held at Saint Andrew's Parish.

**E. Catholic Social Services Benefit: February 17:** There was a good turnout at this event. C. Grace reported that over \$20,000 was raised this year.

**F. Cluster Mission:** Our Cluster communities are planning a Cluster Mission for the week of October 6th through the 11th. More details will be forthcoming as this event nears and planning begins.

**G. Finish Goals:** Goals 2 and 3 were reviewed for editing. L. Kidd will draft the remaining of the Goals and will send them out to the Council for review.

**6. COMMITTEES AND REPORTS**

**A. Heritage Club:** J. Boardman reported that the annual Valentine celebration at Hunan's was very nice, with a good turn-out. In March, the traditional St. Patrick's corn beef and cabbage lunch will be held, with Joyce Hesketh entertaining the club with her harp.

**B. Liturgy:** Ministries training will be held on Tuesday, February 27. The committee is preparing for the Easter liturgies.

**C. Women's Club:** M. Mitchell reported that the next meeting will be March 21 at 5:45. The charities committee will be meeting. The Club donated \$3500 to the Capital Campaign. About 400 were served at the fish fry, and about \$2300 should be cleared. Some of this money will go to scholarship.

**D. Knights of Columbus:** E. Varsa reported that at the March 7th meeting, Tootsie Roll drive check were given to various charities. March 30 is the Knight's fish fry. Scholarship applications are due April 1. The Knights continue to recruit new members; one member will be initiated soon.

**E. Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations:** Father urged everyone to continue to pray for vocations. The March for Life sponsored by Shawnee Crisis Pregnancy Center will be held at the University Mall on March 24th. Family Stations of the Cross will be held on March 9th.

**F. Community Life—Health Committee:** D. Weaver is in the progress of contacting people to join the committee. Migone mentioned the Senior Advantage that might be of interest to the health committee. The Committee will put items of interest in the bulletin.

**G. Finance Council:** Father reported that Diann Tomczak is our new bookkeeper. In an answer to a question, we had to pay off our past debt to the Diocese before we could start the Capital Campaign.

**H. Faith Formation:** A report from T. Intravaia may be found as *Attachment A* to these minutes. C. Grace also gave a brief report on the 'tremendous' men and women's Cursillos that were recently held. Six men attended their weekend, and 22 women attended their weekend. One couple and 2 women from our Cluster attended.

**I. Buildings and Grounds:** This Committee has been coordinating duties in conjunction with the Capital Campaign. The first item is getting contractor for the replacement of the heating and cooling systems.

**J. Youth Representatives:** Sister reported that 13 youth are registered for the Diocesan Youth Conference and are busy having fundraisers. The banner is finished; they are also bringing shoes and socks for the poor. The World Youth Day group is also starting fundraisers; two youth are going (Juliana Cruz and Dara Weaver-Holmes); Micki Weaver is also going as a chaperone. Sister was pleased to report that the spaghetti dinner was the most successful yet, and approximately \$760 dollars were raised.

**K. Saint Andrews School:** A. Migone reported that there was a large crowd at the Trivia Night. The School Board met on February 6 and one important agenda item was the first reading of the revised

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class trip policy. A new pre-school program will be started next year. The next meeting of the School Board will be March 6th. The students at Saint Andrew School have been active in a number of extracurricular events, and have produced impressive results: two students qualifying for the state competition of Math Counts, the boys' BB team placing 2nd in the conference and had 3 players on the all-conference team. Three new computers with Windows Vista have also been purchased. The Science Fair will be held on March 7th, and the girls are doing very well in their BB conference.

**L. Social Justice:** The next event will be raising money for the poor of Haiti; Elise Speck is organizing this event.

**M. Organ:** No report; committee will be formed to bring all options for an organ to the Parish.

**N. Stewardship Committee:** The Committee is meeting on February 27. Although the Capital Campaign was done during the usual 'Treasure' time slot, a reminder needs to be put in front of the Parish so that such things as the Annual Diocesan Appeal is not forgotten. 'Time and Talent' will be scheduled for the fall.

**O. Cluster Council:** The next meeting will be March 7th at Saint Francis at 5:00. The main agenda item will be the mission and adult education.

**P. Other:**

The next Interfaith Council gathering will be at the mosque. Father announced that he is the vice president of the group, and the officers meet once a month. They are working on a restructuring to get more people to attend the gathering. The next Interfaith Dialogue is on March 5th at the Unitarian Church.

E. Varsa brought up the subject of liability. The KCs were wondering if each church group needed to purchase separate liability insurance for events we do here. Father informed the Council that any Parish group and activity is covered by the Diocesan insurance, unless it is an unusual event (one that we do not usually do or that is unusually large.) Through the Diocese, we pay the bill regularly and we should be covered for any function.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. New Accompanist:** Father announced that Cynthia Fligel is our new accompanist. By all accounts, she is doing a very good job.

**B. Remaining Coffee and Donuts Days:** Sister reported that the March date will be hosted by the Women's Club; the April date will be hosted by the Knights; the May date will be hosted by the Heritage Club.

**C. New Parish Directory:** Work on creating a new Parish directory needs to started Fall 2007. Many new people have moved to the Parish and a new directory would be very welcome. D. Weaver volunteered to be on the committee for this.

**D. Souper Bowl:** Father reported that, because of our Parish's generous support of the Good Samaritan House, that there is no need for a special Souper Bowl envelope in our monthly envelopes. However,

we are still urged to donate to the Souper Bowl at the various places where they solícite donations (such as Schnuck's).

Our Parish is commended for our generosity to the Good Sam House.

**E. Search for Pastoral Associate Replacement:** Father reported that the search is on to replace Sister Rosemary, who will leave this summer.

**F. Joint meeting of Cluster, Pastoral & Finance Councils and School Boards:** Our regular Council meeting in March will be replaced by a joint meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils of Saint Andrew, Saint Francis Xavier and Newman Center and the Saint Andrew School Board at the Saint Andrew School Cafeteria on Monday, March 19. Suzanne Schmit will facilitate this meeting.

**G. Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal:** Our continued support is needed.

**H. Bishop Braxton's Lenten Pastoral Letter:** T. Intravaia will lead discussions the Bishop's Pastoral Letter over three sessions.

**I. Chrism Mass:** E. Varsa volunteered to go to the Diocesan Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 3. Hopefully, and RCIA candidate can also go with him.

**J. Lenten Penance Services:** Our Cluster Lenten Penance Services will be held on March 27th at Saint Andrew, on March 28th at Saint Francis Xavier and on March 29th at the Newman Center.

**K. Other Matters:**

Script: M. Mitchell suggests that one of the Saint Andrew parents come and sell script at least one Sunday a month; this should help fundraising. A. Migone will check on this.

**8. Pastoral Associate's Report:** Sister Rosemary reported that she and Suzanne Schmit are coordinating the liturgy training session for Saint Francis Xavier. She reports that RCIA going great and that the group is dreading the end of the Wednesday instructions.

**9. Pastor's Report:** Father Bob reiterated his gratefulness on the success of the Capital Campaign. He is very pleased that it is going so well, and is very thankful for the support of the Parish.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

>Finish the Goals

>The next meeting will be Monday, April 9, at 7:00 PM at Xavier Hall.

**11. Prayer and Adjournment:** The meeting closed at 9:25 PM with a prayer led by Sister Rosemary.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura K. Kidd.*

**Attachment A**

**Report: Toni Intravaia, Coordinator PSR February 26, 2007 to the Pastoral Council**

1. February 11th we had Teens in Spirit meeting at the Newman Center. Eleven out of 42 were absent. The meeting was excellent and those attending participated quietly. Mass was great with several of the teens participating with the choir and bringing up the gifts. Food was well thought out and prepared. Nancy Huffman was our bridge in help at Newman. Makeup with Sister Rosemary was held on the 18th from 4 to 8 pm with a light meal—discussion was held on two videos that carried the theme of the Sunday meeting.
2. The adult Religious Education meeting just finished with the Catechists and are now preparing to meet with discussion on the Bishops' Letter on Lent and Easter. Notice the flyers about.
3. As PSR Youth Coordinator for the Together Tomorrow—oops, Tomorrow Together, we put flyers up in the church that had been created by each grade through high school. Many families came to worship together at the 10 am Mass on February 4th.
4. The Freshmen and the Scouts will do the ministries on March 4th at the 10 am Mass. April will be the Seniors' Mass and Ministries.
5. On March 9th—Friday—there will be Family Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Hope all of you will be there.
6. Saturday March 3 will be the First Communion Retreat for 24 plus parents.
7. Yesterday I was part of the RCIA group going to Belleville. (sponsor)
8. During Lent we will have Children's Liturgy both at the 8 and 10 am. Masses.
9. Scholarship letters were mailed out to the Seniors with replies due April 1. Nearing the time, I will phone.