

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
CARBONDALE, IL
Monday, April 28, 2008

In attendance: Jane Boardman, Father Bob Flannery, Tonì Intravaia, Laura Kidd, Paul McGreal, Margie Mitchell, Steve Schauwecker, Ed Varsa, Lena Walker, Sharon Wunderle

Excused: Kathy Cafferata, Ana Migone, Doris Weaver

Absent: Laura Butler, Chuck Grace, Julie Laczynski, Walt Tomczak

1. Prayer/Reflection – Fr. Bob opened the meeting at 7:04 P.M. by reading Matthew’s Ascension Gospel; reflection followed.
2. Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Paul McGreal.
3. Visitors: None
4. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2008: E. Varsa made a motion that the March 24, 2008 be approved as read; S. Schauwecker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
5. Old Business
 - a. Capital Campaign –Amount Pledged: \$556,958.00 out of \$610,000.00. Pledges received to date: \$317,272.98. Expenses paid: \$257,280.22. The collection for the campaign is progressing well.
 - b. Parish Website: P. McGreal reported that everything on the website is up-to-date. He reminds everyone to contact him with any website site posting concerns. K. Cafferata and P. McGreal will be working on a Sacraments portion of the website.
 - c. New Parish Directory: The proof has been sent back to the directory company, and the final directory is expected by the end of May 2008.
 - d. Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal: Parish target, \$26,851 with 152 households participating. Currently, there has been \$20,308.15 pledged from 102 participating households.
 - e. New Council Members – Two more members are needed to fill the positions that will be vacated by L. Butler and L. Kidd. These positions will be selected by the next meeting.
 - f. Eucharistic Adoration date – The Eucharistic Adoration dates have been set for May 29 and May 30, 2008 (ending after the 5:30 P.M. Mass).
6. Committees and Reports
 - a. Heritage Club: J. Boardman reported that the last meeting was April 17 at Fratelli’s. The next meeting will be May 15 following the 11:30 A.M. Mass at Giant City Lodge, followed by strawberry shortcake at Flamm’s Orchard.

- b. Women's Club: M. Mitchell reported that the Women's Club gave \$2300 to various charities this year. The annual Women's Club breakfast/brunch is scheduled for May 18, following the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Heather Gerhard will be the new President of the Women's Club.
- c. Knights of Columbus: E. Varsa reported that the Knights and the Women's Club gave \$4000 in scholarships to graduating seniors who qualified for the scholarships. The Knights are hosting an appreciation dinner for all the PSR teachers and spouses at Hunan's on May 18. Upcoming events include the Eucharistic Adoration May 29 and 30 and a gathering of the Knights at Kosters, which has yet to be scheduled.
- d. Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations: Our annual Family Mass was held May 7 and was well attended. On Mother's Day, roses will be sold, the proceeds going to the Right to Life movement.
- e. Community Life – Health Committee: No report.
- f. Finance Council: S. Schauwecker reported that the Council continues to meet and is preparing next year's budget. The budget draft should be ready by May 2008. Expenses continue to rise, which, even though donations continue to be generous, resulted in a budget shortfall of approximately \$4000.
- g. Faith Formation: Please see T. Intravaia's report at *Attachment A* to these minutes. E. Varsa also reported on the excellent presentation by Father Shawn Marting at the Newman Center.
- h. Building & Grounds: M. Mitchell reported that the roof replacement has been started and will probably take another two weeks. Both skylights had to be replaced, as well.
- i. Youth Representatives: L. Walker reported that the Teens in Spirit meetings as well as Confirmation went very well. She also thanked the Knights and the Women's Club for the scholarships; the seniors who received them were very grateful.
The Council wishes Lena and her mother, Jill, good luck on their move to Oregon. Their family and all their contributions to our Parish family will be missed.
- j. Saint Andrew School: No report. Graduation will be May 28.
- k. Social Justice: Elsie Speck and others organized a rummage sale to for world hunger. Our Cluster Communities are planning on more social justice events that will be shared as a cluster. The Newman Center is starting a program on social justice in the fall. Saint Andrew Parish is also planning to continue the 'simple supper' dinners and meetings during Lent.
- l. Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship of Treasure cycle will be starting this weekend.
- m. Cluster Council: The annual Cluster Mass will be held at 5:30 P.M., Saturday, February 21, 2009, at Saint Francis Xavier Church.
- n. Small Christian Communities: There will be a training and information session on May 28 at Xavier Hall for anyone interesting in Small Christian Communities.
- o. Liturgy Committee: The Holy Week and Easter services went well.
- p. Hispanic Community: No report.

7. New Business

- a. "Seeds of Hope" – This event has been rescheduled for May 31, 2008 at the Newman Center.
 - b. Other Matters
 - >The annual Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2008. Evergreen Park has been reserved for this event.
8. Pastoral Associate's Report – Kathy Cafferata. No report.
9. Pastor's Report – Father Bob:
- >Confirmation went very well; thank you to all who helped make this a successful event.
 - >Father reported on his trip to New York and the Pope's visit.
 - >Father is taking a mini-sabbatical starting June 15 and going through July 16.
 - >There will be the annual Ecumenical Ascension Service this year starting at 5:30 P.M. at Epiphany Lutheran Church.
 - >Father is also considering changing daily Mass time on Wednesdays from 7:20 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., and on Thursdays from 5:30 P.M. to 7:20 A.M.
10. Future Agenda Items:
- >At the next meeting: Pastoral Council election of officers and new members.
11. Next Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2008: 7:00 P.M. (There is no meeting scheduled for May.)
12. Individual Responsibilities:
- >Contact potential new Council Members.

As a reminder, this is the current list of elected members on the Council and their terms:

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.)

Also to be selected is a new representative from the Women's Club and a new representative from the Knights of Columbus.

13. Prayer and adjournment: Father Bob closed the meeting at 8:20 PM with a prayer.

Attachment A

Pastoral Council April 28, 2008 Toni' Intravaia, CRE

The PSR program continues at high speed. First Communion was April 5 at the 5:30 Mass with 22. It was wonderful with a special Reception following the Mass. Thanks to Margie Mitchell and Nancy Konecek for their great help. Twelve of the class made their First Communion at the 12: 15 Mass April 6th. Yesterday I gave each student a photo. And orders are coming in for other photos.

Faith Formation for Adults continues meeting. We finished the last of the Christian Community Matthew study and the last of the year's Catechist material. Now we go back to John.

The Children Liturgy meetings with Sharon, Audria, Nancy and Toni' continue with good attendance...especially yesterday with Senior Sunday.

Since Kathy is not here, I will report on the RCIA. We are still meeting. We have been having leaders of the various SFX groups tell the new Catholics about the activities at Saint Francis. We are having a closing banquet on the 30th. Then there will be monthly meetings during the summer.

The Teens in Spirit had their last meeting on April 6th at the Bleyer Lodge. With Jeff Jenkins, Father Brown, a Student from the RCIA class, great food and Mass to close, it was absolutely great. As makeup for the few absent we had Rockin with Jesus at the Newman Center plus 4 extra hours of service. Following that meeting we had two more for the Confirmation group, the first with Russell Peterson from the Diocese and the last as a special review. Rehearsal for the 25 went well, the meeting with the Bishop both with catechists and with the class went well, and Confirmation was rather astounding. -And the reception was really great. Chuck Grace will add details.

Following Confirmation on Saturday the 26th I was at the Relay for Life as accountant and fund raiser. Saint Francis Xavier's team again went over \$2000.00. Margie and Carl again walked for SFX. I did one lap during the reading of the names of survivors and those did not make it.

Then on Sunday we had Senior Sunday. As usual I made a couple errors. By now you know that I only make the large ones - the ones that absolutely nobody can miss. I did not check about a reception for the seniors and I left a student's name off the Senior Bulletin. Lucky the Graces and Kathy and Margie and the Koneceks were of great help with the reception. By the way who is responsible for the Senior Reception???

And, there will a Family Mass on May 7th. I am having my catechists call all the students and parents to remind them.