

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
CARBONDALE, IL
22 May 2006**

Goal: “To enhance and increase the meaningful involvement of more parishioners in the spiritual and social aspects of our Parish community.”

- 1. To improve adult religious education activities.**
- 2. To increase Mass attendance.**
- 3. To increase activities and attendance at activities.**
- 4. To improve communication between Parish leadership and the community.**

In attendance: Bob Bauman, Jane Boardman, Laura Butler, Father Bob Flannery, Juliana Cruz, Chuck Grace, Sister Rosemary Henrichs, Toni Intravaia, Julie Laczynski, Laura Kidd, Margie Mitchell, Harry S., Doris Weaver

Absent: Leslie Ferraro, Steve Schauwecker, Ed Varsa

- 1. Prayer/Reflection: Father Bob:** At 7:05 PM, Father Bob welcomed the new members and opened the meeting with a prayer. Father then read from Mark’s Gospel and led reflection. .
- 2. Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair L. Butler called the meeting to order. There were introductions of the Council members.
- 3. Visitors:** None.
- 4. Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2006:** There was one correction, the misspelling of Doris Weaver’s name. M Mitchell moved to approve the corrected minutes; Father Bob seconded the motion; the motion carried on a voice vote.
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Capital Campaign:** The committee will May 23. One of the members of the committee, Andy Bjornberg, will check with diocese for names of companies who do financial fundraising and capital campaigns and will report on that. He and other members have been doing some fact-finding on this project. Some interesting ideas have been generated on how to communicate the real needs of this campaign to the Parish.
 - B. Parish Website Updates:** The Parish Website needs updates in the following areas: Parish calendar.
 - C. Reflection on Needs and Goals Process:** The new Council members were introduced to the goal planning process. The next Council meeting will focus on continuing this planning.
- 6. Committees and Report:**
 - A. Heritage Club:** J. Boardman gave the Heritage Club report. The Club had events at Giant City and are planning an activity on Jerry DeSoto’s boat in June. The Club will have a

planning meeting for next year in August. The meetings for the Club are the third Thursday of the month.

B. **Liturgy:** Father reported that more members for this committee would be welcome. A new chair will be selected in the upcoming months. At the last meeting, the committee evaluated the Easter season liturgies. Looking ahead, Father stated that the next Holy Day Mass schedule (Feast of the Assumption) will likely be similar to the last Holy Day Mass schedule (Ash Wednesday).

C. **Women's Club:** M. Mitchell reported that the May breakfast meeting was held Sunday, May 21. There was a good turn-out. The Club does not meet in the summer; the next meeting will be in September.

D. **Knights of Columbus:** No official report was given. T. Intravaia informed the Council that the KCs hosted the Catechist dinner at Hunan's Sunday, May 21, with Steve and Linda Buhman as hosts. The annual picnic has been scheduled for June 2 and will be held at the Kesters.

E. **Family Life:** The Family Mass on May 3 had a good turnout.

F. **Community Life: Health Committee:** D. Weaver reported that Jack Hagan will remain on the committee. Father will purchase a bulletin board for the committee to use to post important issues at the entry of the church. The meetings of this committee are generally held on the second Thursday of the month.

G. **Finance Council:** B. Bauman is to be thanked for his complete overhaul of the books and system used for the Church's financial records. He reported that a new system will be in place by July 1; this system was recommended by the Diocese. B. Bauman is the new bookkeeper for the Parish. There will be meeting soon to set the budget for next year.

H. **Faith Formation:** T. Intravaia has submitted a report which may be found as **Attachment A** to these minutes.

I. **Building & Grounds:** M. Mitchell reported that Michael Buhman will be doing an Eagle Scout project involving creating and installing new signage for the Church and the Hall. He is busy designing proposed models for the signage. He plans to do this project this summer.

Father has signed the proposal from Asaturian Eaton for estimates on the costs for the heating and a/c systems. Our janitor is almost finished doing the required work for the energy grant. Thanks to Margie Mitchell for finding the grant information and thanks to Laura Butler for helping with that project.

J. **Social Justice:** Elsie Speck continues to do her work in social justice. Sister Rosemary reported on the Christian Service Award dinner at which Elsie was honored. She reported that it was good experience and that she was amazed at all of the work that Elsie has done in the social justice area.

K. **Youth Representatives:** J. Cruz shared the DYC experience with the Council. She reported that Father Carl was there, as well. There were various sessions that youth attended and all celebrated a Mass at the end. She reported that it was a good experience for her and the other youth who attended.

L. **Saint Andrew School:** D. Weaver reported that school officially ends May 23, but that graduation was held on May 19. There are currently eight students registered for kindergarten. Parents and volunteers are getting ready for the August fundraising festival, which will be the 18th and 19th. Even though her daughter has graduated, she intended to continue to volunteer at Saint Andrews. The Council appreciates and thanks Doris for her continued commitment to the Catholic school experience.

M. **Small Christian Communities:** Sister Rosemary had no news to report. D. Weaver is continuing the Knitting Ministry; they have 13 shawls knitted and always need names of people who might appreciate such a gift.

N. **Organ:** People have been gathering information on the organ and various options. The current chair of the committee, Bill Ferraro, is moving, so another chair will be needed, as are other members. Thanks to Bill Ferraro for all of his work as chair on this committee and the Council wishes him and his family many blessings for this new phase of their lives.

O. **Stewardship Committee:** B. Bauman reported that the Prayer cycle started May 20/21. The Committee is beginning planning for the Time and Talent cycle for this fall; this is the most labor intensive cycle. Father advised that the follow-through on contacting people after the survey still needs some improvement.

P. **Cluster Council:** Father and L. Kidd reported that the listening sessions have been held and will be evaluated. The Cluster is still trying to plan some type of Cluster event in which all the communities can share.

C. Grace raised two issues that are Cluster activities: Teens in Spirit and Confirmation. He reiterated that these two events offer tremendous Clustering potential that should be concentrated on by the Council and the Parishes.

7. **New Business**

A. **New Pastoral Council Members:** We welcome our new Council members, Juliana Cruz, Julie Laczynski and Harry Schauwecker. One more Council member is still needed.

Election of new officers was held. M. Mitchell made a motion to retain the same slate of officers (Laura Butler as Chair, Doris Weaver as Vice Chair and Laura Kidd as Secretary). B. Bauman seconded the motion. The motion carried on voice vote.

B. **Confirmation:** Father Bob thanks everyone who participated in the Confirmation celebration. A special thanks to L. Butler who cooked and served the pre-Confirmation meal for the Council and Teens in Spirit catechists. The reception afterwards was also very successful.

C. **Kneeling Pads in Church:** Bishop Braxton has asked that our Parish kneel at the appropriate times during Mass. Because some of our pews and chairs do not have kneelers, kneeling pads will have to be purchased. Father will start searching for kneeler options.

D. **Pastoral Council Retreat:** Father Bob is contemplating holding a morning retreat for all three Pastoral Councils in our Cluster. He would also like to have a retreat for our own Pastoral Council. This is still in the planning stage.

8. **Pastoral Associate:** Sister Rosemary reported that she is planning for next year's YMPT. She also reported that this summer the Diocese is having a special leadership workshop, July 16-21. The cost per person for one week is \$300. She has already approached some of our youth. The Council's consensus was that as much of the costs as could be should be paid through various youth and church accounts. She reported that the annual Catholic Youth Six Flags Day will not be held this year.

She continues RCIA with the three people enrolled. The Rite of Welcome for these candidates has been scheduled. All candidates will be baptized July 15 and then receive Confirmation. Sister continues to look for sponsors for next year's class.

9. **Pastor's Report:** Father reported that Bishop Braxton is celebrating a special Mass to honor those couples who have been married 25 and 50 years. The Bishop is also starting to have special Masses, honoring people from all over the Diocese who are doing various projects and service activities. The Drones and the Kusters from our Parish will be honored by the Bishop at the Mass he will celebrate for this cause.

Father Bob also reported that Father Victor from the Newman Center will be living with him. He will move in June 1. We welcome Father Victor to our area and look forward to working with him.

M. Mitchell has reserved the Evergreen Shelter for the Parish Picnic, which will be held the last Sunday in August. The Welcome Dinner for new parishioners has been scheduled for September 8.

10: **Next Agenda Items: The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 26, 7:00, Xavier Hall.** The focus on this meeting will be on the budget and on continuing the goal planning process.

11. **Individual responsibilities:**

Father Bob: Check on the Parish calendar update on the website; check on getting a bulletin board for the Health Committee; check on next Cluster Council meeting date.

12. **Adjournment:** M. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by B. Bauman and passed by a voice vote. The meeting ended at 9:05 PM and was closed by a prayer by Sister Rosemary.

Respectfully submitted by Laura K. Kidd

ATTACHMENT A
PSR REPORT, TONÍ INTRAVAIA
May 22, 2006

Yesterday, May 21st, was our last PSR class, kindergarten through high school freshmen. Although we have not had our Catechist Evaluation meeting which will be tomorrow night, reports seem to indicate a fairly good year—absences due to Sunday sports events seem to be the main problem. And, Tom Furby, our 8th grade Catechist needs to leave. He hopes to return next year, so I am looking for a replacement.

Last night the Knights of Columbus gave the Catechists an appreciation dinner at Hunan's. We had very few absent. The Knights and the Ladies are to be thanked many times for all they do for our program: scholarships and voluntary help.

Confirmation has come and gone with 22 receiving. Bishop Braxton had a meeting with the Teens in Spirit Catechists before. He advised us in many ways. He really hopes we will have more parent involvement. And, that is a really difficult one to comprehend, but tomorrow night the Catechists will have a discussion on that item. And in the fall, the DREs and the CREs are to have a meeting with the Bishop on Confirmation review and suggestions.

Thanks to all of you, we had an exciting Reception following the Service. Special thanks to Margie Mitchell and Laura Kidd.

Children's Liturgy, Adult Bible Study continues. We need to get the volunteers and the dates organized for the summer.

FIESTA, the Vacation Bible School clusters with SFX, St. Andrews and Newman Center. That is Bill Harper's and my big thrust now—trying to get all the helpers and participants.