

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
XAVIER HALL, CARBONDALE IL
August 25, 2008**

In attendance: Jane Boardman, Kathy Cafferata, Father Bob Flannery, Scott Frisch, Erik Gerhard, Chuck Grace, Toni Intravaia, Paul McGreal, Ana Migone, Steve Schauwecker, Walt Tomczak, Doris Weaver, Mark Wilson, Sharon Wunderle

Absent: Chuck Grace, Allie Ishman, Hazel Law, Colleen Wood

1. **Prayer Reflection:** Father Bob: 7:00 PM; reading the Gospel from Matthew; led reflection.
2. **Call to Order:** Chair D. Weaver called the meeting to order.
3. **Visitors:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2008 Meeting:** W. Tomczak moved to accept the minutes of July 28, 2008, and P. McGreal seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Capital Campaign:** Father Bob reported that \$556,958.00 out of \$610,000.00 has been pledged. Actual pledges received totals \$359,656.83. Expenses paid out total \$405,062.54; note payable (roof loan) is \$70,439.00. The parking lot proposal is \$31,664.00, and the work should be done in the next two months.
 - b. **Parish Website:** P. McGreal: Everything on the website is up to date. K. Cafferata and P. McGreal will be working this fall to update aspects of the web site.
 - c. **New Parish Directory:** The final pick up notice has been given for the new parish directory.
 - d. **Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal:** Father Bob reported that \$26,579.20 from 144 households has been pledged. Our goal this year was \$26,851 from 152 households participating.
 - e. **New Council Members:** Scott Frisch and Allie Ishman have joined the Pastoral Council.
 - f. **Eucharistic Adoration: Review:** Sign up continues for the next Eucharistic Adoration scheduled for September 4 and 5, 2008.
 - g. **Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic:** The annual Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic was held on Sunday, August 24, at Evergreen Park. The event was well attended and considered

a great success. The food, games, and music were well received. Thanks were given to those Pastoral Council members who helped set up and break down the event. Special thanks were given to Margie Mitchell and Laura Kidd for organizing.

h. Welcome Dinner: To be held Friday, September 5, 2008, after the 5:30 pm Mass. Food responsibilities were assigned. A message was sent to new parishioners.

6. Committees and Reports

a. Heritage Club: First meeting will be September 18, 2008.

b. Women's Club: Will meet in September. The Fall Fest is scheduled for September 26, 2008.

c. Knights of Columbus: Will meet September 3, and the Tootsie Roll Drive will be held October 3 and 4.

d. Family Life/Respect Life/Vocations: Fifteen servers attended the servers gathering.

e. Community Life/Health Committee: D. Weaver and K. Cafferata are working on this Committee's agenda.

f. Finance Council: Expenses are up and a budget shortfall of approximately \$28,000 is projected. The Council is working on the budget and will meet in the next few weeks.

g. Faith Formation: T. Intravaia submitted a report that is included as Attachment A to these minutes.

h. Building & Grounds: The Committee will meet this week. remaining projects include the parking lot, the flooring and folding doors in the basement of Xavier Hall, and handicap accessibility to the second floor of Xavier Hall.

i. Youth Representative: No youth representatives were present to make a report. Kathy had met with Colleen Wood, and they had a good discussion.

j. Saint Andrew School: Father Bob attended the first day of school Mass.

k. Social Justice: The Bishop has issued a faithful citizenship insert regarding the upcoming elections.

l. Stewardship Committee: Will meet tomorrow at noon. The Time and Talent solicitation is coming up.

m. Cluster Council: Need to set a date. Also, the area parishes will once again be holding their Red Mass at Saint Francis Xavier Church. The Mass will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday, October 9, 2008.

n. Small Christian Communities: September 6 and 7 will be sign up weekend for Quest and "Why Catholic?"

o. Liturgy Committee: Need to set a date for the next meeting. Work includes planning for All Souls Mass, which will be held at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, November 2.

p. Hispanic Community: The Hispanic faith community welcomed a new priest, will be scheduling a charismatic prayer meeting, will be conducting a census, and is planning an outreach to lapsed Catholics.

q. Carbondale Interfaith Council: Saint Francis Xavier Church is hosting the August 28, 2008 Interfaith Council meeting. As a reminder, there are still some openings for representatives from Saint Francis Xavier to be on the Interfaith Council.

7. New business

a. Council Secretary: P. McGreal offered to write the notes for this meeting, with the understanding that a permanent Secretary will be chosen at the September meeting.

b. Parish Pilgrimage Update: Twenty-one people are currently signed up, and the goal is twenty-five people.

8. Pastoral Associate: K. Cafferata reported on the following:

- The Pastoral Council will cover the Donut Sundays on September 7 and March 1.
- Hospitality ministers are wanted for RCIA. Members of the Parish are sought to spend an evening session with RCIA, providing light refreshments and sharing Christian reflections.
- The parish is arranging child protection training for all those working with youth.
- Teens in Spirit held weekly meetings over the summer to prepare for the coming year. Chuck and Barb Grace will be co-facilitating this year, and the Pastoral Council extends their thanks for all of their hard work.

9. Pastors Report: Father Bob thanked all who donated to and worked on the Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic. A concern was raised about the likelihood of hot weather in August, which is when the event has been scheduled the last few years. Father Bob explained that the event is scheduled in August so that it will take place before school begins. The consensus was to leave the event at the same time, and to re-visit the issue after next year's event.

10. Future Agenda Items

Float for the Lights Fantastic Parade.

- 11. Next Meeting: Monday, September 29, 2008, 7:00 P.M., Xavier Hall**
- 12. Individual Responsibilities.** Nothing outstanding.
- 13. Prayer and adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Kathy Cafferata.

Respectfully submitted by Paul McGreal

ATTACHMENT A

Pastoral Council August 25, 2008 Toni' Intravaia CRE

Since our last pastoral council meeting, all that I can report is no end of Meetings for PSR including Teens in Spirit.

We held our annual Catechist opening meeting on Thursday with Mass, Potluck and Meeting. As usual, it was well attended; we do have a fine and dedicated group.

Registration was Saturday after the 5:30 Mass and Sunday after 8 a.m. Mass and before and after Mass at the picnic with about twenty families participating.

Our first Sunday for PSR is September 7th beginning at 9 am for Grades K through Freshman. Sunday evening of September 7th will be parent/student meeting for the Teens in Spirit in Murphysboro at 6:30 pm.

September 14 is the children's Protection meeting from K through 8th Grades with the Carbondale Catholic Children's services covering this. Also the 14th is Catechist Sunday.

I am now in the process of replacing the eight grade Catechist who moved to Murphysboro.