

May 2014 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
(5/5/2014, 6:30-7:30 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Katherine Clemente, Jean Francois, Frederick Gallo, Fran Hyde, Felipe Ortiz, Geena Simila, Robert Thayer, William Webster
<u>Excused</u>	Dn. Joseph Romand, Veronica Ahiati, James Brennan, Kathleen Flynn

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (F. Gallo):

- April 2014 minutes approved with minor revisions.
- The Rensselaer Newman Foundation Board met in April. Mr. Gallo submitted a report and made a ten-minute presentation describing what the Council has done over the past year. The report and presentation were well received and there were no questions.
- A discussion of new members for the Pastoral Council was tabled, noting that there is a need for graduate student membership.
- The Council thanked Mr. Gallo for his service as chair.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- The 10:30 Mass on May 18 will be the Senior Appreciation Mass.
- The summer Mass schedule will begin as per the announcements in the bulletin. The regular Mass schedule will return the weekend of August 16/17.
- The Parish Appreciation Dinner went well.
- The Rensselaer Newman Foundation met. The capital campaign continues with a \$2.4 million goal and almost \$1.7 million raised during the silent phase.
- There are several building-related items:
 - The contractor will be returning in about 2 weeks to deal with water issues on the south side of the driveway.
 - The chiller in the building needs to be replaced. One difficulty is that the unit is as old as the building and replacement parts are no longer manufactured and no one is available to service it. It is a closed Freon system; if there is any pipe damage the chiller will no longer be useable. The new unit needs to be custom-built and installed; it will cost about \$60-80 thousand and may have other impacts.
 - Windows, doors, and other small things will be done in the future.
 - The electrical system is fine and does not require any work at this time.
- Tom Mattern is working on a couple of summer programs.
- Flyers are currently being worked on for next year. The Knights of Columbus and Newman Fellowship should review and update the flyers from the current year and get them back to Fr. Kacerguis within the next two weeks. Flyers will be distributed at Student Orientation in the fall and at Accepted Students Day.
- Any remaining personal care item donations are on the top shelf in the coat hallway.

Newman Fellowship Report (G. Simila):

- Dates have been selected for the labyrinth for next year: Thursday, March 12 and Saturday, March 14.
- The Relay for Life was held two weeks ago. The Newman team raised about \$2,500, including \$70 raised on-site by people taking pictures for donations. The Newman team was the top fundraising club and the third team overall.
- The Senior Send-Off Dinner was last night; it went very well.
- The End-of-the-Year Picnic will be held on Friday.

Knights of Columbus Report (F. Ortiz):

- Two new members (first-year students) were inducted in a First Degree ceremony.
- On May 9 the Knights will host a Holy Hour with Dn. Romand for finals from 7-9 pm. This will be open to the entire parish.

Vice-Chair Report (F. Gallo):

- Mr. Brennan sends his regrets at being unable to attend as he is attending his nephew's Confirmation. Mr. Gallo will be transferring information to Mr. Brennan over the summer, and Mr. Brennan will be introduced to the Newman Foundation at the June 20 meeting.

Secretary Report:

- No Report.

Old Business:

- Parish fundraiser (F. Gallo): Paul Kraus met with Tom Mattern to identify dates in the fall; they are still working on this.
- Parish email list (Fr. Kacerguis): This should be completed over the summer.
- New members for the Council (F. Gallo): Fr. Kacerguis will approach prospective members. Mr. Gallo will ask student members to confirm they are returning in the fall.
- The next meeting will be held in September. As Mondays seem best, September 8 was identified as a tentative date.
- Welcome Picnic (J. Francois): Ms. Francois asked for ideas for Amazing Race-themed activities, similar to a scavenger hunt. Several ideas were proposed, including a 50/50 raffle.

New Business:

- None

The meeting concluded with prayer by Mr. Thayer.

Submitted By: Robert Thayer