

January 2014 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
(1/22/2014, 6:30-7:30 PM, C+CC Lounge)

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

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (F. Gallo):

- The December 2, 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted without change
- Establishing the Council's Spring 2014 meeting schedule was identified as a priority for this meeting.
- The Chair expressed the Council's appreciation for the successful efforts on the Christmas fund raiser for St James School.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Christmas season events went very well and were well received. Anecdotally, Deacon Romand stated that as a first time experience for him and his wife how impressive and enjoyable the celebrations were.
- One youth and one adult celebrated the sacrament of First Communion on the Feast of the Epiphany. Further and in preparation for marriage, the young lady received Confirmation on the same day.
- The Parish is receiving end-of-year letters of thanks for contributions made to other organizations, such as Damien Center, for support provided by the Parish during the year.
- Work around the building continues:
 - Water issue on the North side of the building appears to have been resolved based on weather events following completion of the work.
 - Work to remediate water issues on the South side of the building are planned for the next construction season.
 - The Newman Foundation will be discussing options for repairs/replacement of the building's doors and windows as next steps in the updates to the building.
 - Fr. Ed mentioned that at the end of 1st Q of fiscal year they were at 27% income and 27.5% expense of projected budget.
- A request has been received from Catholic Charities to select a month during the coming year to sponsor a month for collection of Personal Care items. Following discussion it was agreed the Parish would undertake the project in May (with October as an alternative).
- Fr. Ed provided flyers to be distributed for Lenten and Easter events.
- The mass for Thursday and Friday will be moved at the start of Lent.
- Tom Mattern has been contacting similarly situated Newman organizations (approximately 20) around the country to gain an understanding of how our activities compare and contrast. Preliminary findings of interest are that none conduct mid-night mass celebrations for their communities and none have cultural component to their activities.
- The new web site continues to evolve and efforts are underway to include additional APPS to the site.

Newman Fellowship Report (K. Flynn):

- The December 5th Games night was very well attended including students who had not attended previously.
- End of semester weekly dinner on December 8th was also well attended. Graduating seniors were recognized during the evening.
- The group traveled to Latham to sing Christmas Carols at the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home.
- Officers for 2014 have been selected and are President Kathleen Flynn, Vice President Geena Simila, Secretary Michael Cuozzo, Service Chair Emily Farella, Meetings Chair Shannon Barra, Hospitality Chair Haley Derlinga, and Media Relations Chair Tina Gilliland.
- Officer's retreat will be held the weekend of January 24th and 25th. Roles and responsibilities will be discussed and agreed upon for the coming year.
- The first weekly dinner is scheduled for January 26th
- The group's first full meeting is scheduled for January 30th.

- February 21 thru 23 will be the Newman's Spring Retreat will be held at the Mellos' Retreat Center in Jacksonville, Vt. Miss Flynn provided a copy of the flyer being distributed for the event.

Knights of Columbus Report (F. Ortiz):

- Christmas card fund raiser was successful and all cards were sold during the event.
- Elections were held in December and the following individuals were elected Deputy Grand Knight - Austin Hernandez, Chancellor Luc Lagace, Treasurer Reece Kearney, Warden Sabado Dalia, and Advocate Johnathon Magulio.
- The Knights have ordered new shirts which will include their logo.
- The Knights will be joining the Sisters of St. Joseph Provincial House on Tuesday Jan 28th for a dinner and prayer

Fr. Ed asked that all groups to continue to take and provide photos of the events they are involved with. These will be used on the C+CC website and the Sun and Balance Newsletter.

Vice-Chair Report (J. Brennan):

- No Report.

Secretary Report (R. Thayer):

- No Report.

Old Business:

- Parish fundraiser (F. Gallo): Mr. Gallo will continue to work with Mr. Krause to define the event.
- St. James School Fundraiser (W. Webster): Event was well received with approximately \$900 raised. Additional unsold items were donated to a nursing home to be sold in their gift shop. Bill is seeking ideas for a similar activity during the 2014 Christmas season.
- Fr. Ed believes the email list functionality will be operational in the March time frame.

New Business:

- The following dates were agreed to for the Spring 2014 semester;
 - February 10
 - March 17
 - April 21
 - May 5
- Ms. Flynn requested that Deacon Romand provide additional information regarding an event the Sisters of Saint Joseph are sponsoring
- Deacon Romand also commented on how impressive the involvement and contributions of the student groups were to him.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Mr. Brown.

Submitted By: Jim Brennan