

February 2014 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(2/10/2014, 6:30-7:30 PM, C+CC Lounge)

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

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (F. Gallo):

- January 2014 minutes approved with minor revisions.
- Mr. Gallo met with Mr. Brennan to transfer Chair information. Mr. Gallo also shared chocolate from his colleagues who went to Switzerland.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Catholic Charities requested personal items, which the parish will collect during the first two weekends in May. Either goods or cash may be donated; cash will be used at Sam's Club to buy desired items at a discount. Catholic Charities will come and pick everything up.
- Sr. Frances of the Little Sisters of the Poor will be present on Palm Sunday for their annual collection.
- As of today, 3 Lenten speakers have been confirmed: Sr. Simone Campbell (Network and Nuns on the Bus), Paul Lakeland, PhD (Fairfield University), and Br. Mickey McGrath.
- Work around the building continues:
  - The south side of the building will be addressed in the spring.
  - Architects are looking at windows and frames to upgrade to save money on heating and cooling.
- The parish email list is still being worked on.

Newman Fellowship Report (K. Flynn):

- Ms. Flynn introduced Ms. Simila, VP of the Newman Fellowship, who will be giving reports in the future.
- Officer transition has been made. There are 7 officers for 2014. An Officer Retreat was held in late January to plan and set goals.
- Thursday meetings continue to be successful. Recent meeting topics have included St. John Bosco and St. Blaise.
- The Spring Retreat is planned for February 21-23 at Mellos Retreat Center, Jacksonville, VT. Kathleen Flynn and Sam Miller will be leading and met with staff of the retreat facility. Ten people have signed up so far; they are hoping for 15 total.
- The Fellowship is looking forward to planning events. On Monday (Presidents Day), they will go ice skating at the Empire State Plaza.
- A recommendation was made to introduce Ms. Flynn as president at all Masses one weekend.

Knights of Columbus Report (F. Ortiz):

- The Knights met with Shannon Barra, the Knights liaison from the Newman Fellowship. The Knights will lead a Newman Fellowship meeting.
- The Knights will join the Newman Fellowship for the Relay for Life.
- The Knights will be hosting a defensive driving course in the Student Union presented by John Rosbozom, tentatively beginning at 10:30 on March 22.
- The Knights will be volunteering at Joseph's House in March.

Vice-Chair Report:

- Mr. Brennan.

Secretary Report:

- No Report.

New Business:

- The Knights have been asked to help with the Mardi Gras celebration on March 4 (Ash Wednesday is March 5).

- Spring Break begins March 7. The pysanky workshop will be held that weekend.
- New members are needed for the Pastoral Council. Current members' terms (3 years for non-students, 1 year for students) will end at the end of the academic year.

Old Business:

- Soup Kitchen (J. Francois):
  - Easter dinner will be held on April 10. The Newman Fellowship and Knights of Columbus are invited to join Team 3. There will be a bulletin item at the beginning of March to solicit more volunteers.
  - There will be a Christmas Dinner at the appropriate time with gifts to be given. The Committee would like the Parish to participate and donate personal items for distribution.
- Any organization related to the Parish should take pictures of any events and activities they hold and give them to Tom Mattern immediately.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Mr. Thayer.

Submitted By: Robert Thayer