

NOVEMBER 2010 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(11/10/2010, 6:00-6:35 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Brenda Williams (Chair), Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Matt Callaghan, Harry Cooke, Wilson Crone, David Dziejwski, Jacqueline Fable, Fran Hyde, Philip Maas, Paul Kraus, Nicholas Wengrenovich
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Fr. Edward Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Kraus with the opening scripture.

Chair Report (B. Williams):

- Roll call.
- Minutes from the October meeting approved as amended.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Advertising for upcoming events both in the form of flyers as well as on Concerto (flat screen service on campus; <http://concerto.rpi.edu/admin/>).
- Thanksgiving service on Wednesday 11/24/10; reminder to all to sign up for hosting/attending a meal with students staying in Troy.
- Christmas: with a Saturday Christmas, there will be no Saturday Vigil service that week, nor for the Saturday of Mary Mother of God on 1/1/11. The Christmas Season will end on Baptism of the Lord on 1/9/11.
- Jean Francois is coordinating Christmas Baskets as well as other Christmas donations, e.g., Price Chopper gift cards, through Unity House (<http://www.unityhouseny.org/>).
- Effective in December 2011: changes in liturgy language. An upcoming November report to the Conference of Catholic Bishops will be influential regarding the policy for the translations. Sr. Clarisse Correia will lead a group to talk about the changes in the spring when the students are back in the spring semester.
- A variety of musical groups will be performing at the Chapel and Cultural Center, e.g., Capital Pride for Thanksgiving, Catholic Chorale at Siena for December lessons and carols, as well as other artistic groups, e.g., Bertrand Fay dramatic reading of Greek plays.
- October events went well on Family and Alumni weekends, e.g., with the joint Knights of Columbus and Rensselaer Newman Foundation coffee hour.
- Lenten Wednesday series is all in place:
 - Fr. Dan McMullin (campus ministry Cornell, <http://www.cornellcatholic.org/about/staff.html>): the basis for reconciliation and basis
 - Dr. Mary Reichardt (U of St. Thomas, MN, <http://www.stthomas.edu/cathstudies/faculty/reichardt.htm>): forgiveness as found in literature
 - Br. Michael McGrath (<http://www.beestill.org/>): art and forgiveness
 - Fr. David Mickiewicz (St. Peter the Apostle and Assumption - St. Paul, Mechanicsville, <http://www.aspchurch.com/>): art and music
 - Summary presentation

Knights of Columbus Report (P. Maas):

- Third degree attended
- Fourth degree next semester
- Still working on charter display
- 11/2/10: Holy Hour, music ministry.
- St. John's Center food kitchen event: 13 attended.
- Last offer of Christmas magnets for the parish.

- The position of financial secretary will be up in 2011: needs to be a non-student. Nominations soon.
- There are about 13-14 active members. The RPI council will wait a few years as students graduate and request for transfer (~40 or so individuals at the moment), although this does lead to increased apportionment fees.

Newman Fellowship Report (N. Wengrenovich):

- Pie sales in October went well, with all that were made (>120) sold.
- A number of service projects: Little Sisters bingo, Emmaus House, (in conjunction with the KOC): > 200 meals at St. John's Center: > 200 meals.
- 11/13/10: prayer labyrinth for middle school students at HVCC, as initiated by an Academy of the Holy Names retreat.
- Long term 3/5/11 (Sat): going to Albany regional food bank (20-25 people among Newman Fellowship, Knights, Parish), will confirm once dates for retreat confirmed.
- >100 students are on email list, with 30-40 active members. New faces are appearing at meetings as well.
- Will go caroling in December.

Parish Life (NR):

- No progress with selection of new chair.
- (per F. Hyde): new Rensselaer Newman Foundation officers include: Sharon Valliquette President, Megan Fannon Vice President.
- Sanctuary doors will be kept shut to prevent altar foot traffic during meetings.
- Next month: W. Crone to chair meeting.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Fr. Kacerguis and intercessions by P. Kraus.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone