

December 2011 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
(12/5/2011, 6:30-7:15 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Wilson Crone, David Dziewulski, Paul Kraus
<u>Excused</u>	James Brennan, Katherine Clemente, Miriam Efken, Fran Hyde, Philip Maas, Robert Thayer, Matt Trosa

Chair Report (P. Kraus):

- Mock up of Pastoral Council Pictures: completed, with the suggestion of listing members with when their terms expire.
- Given light turnout at this meeting, topic of discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Evening prayer rationale to be presented at the next meeting.
- Current year budget is very tight, with a Christmas appeal being sent out via the Foundation Board.
- John Waite Associates (<http://www.jgwaarchitects.com/index.html>) involved with directing restoration. Emergency pointing of the north side of the Chapel has been addressed given the result of the fall hurricanes. The building was historically completed with 100% Portland cement; for stability, the repointing is being done with an 80/20 mix with sand.
- As part of the overall restoration of the building, the main sanctuary windows will be washed.
- The upcoming Christmas season will be shorter with loss of The Baptism of the Lord and Holy Family feasts.
- 12/8/2011: Liturgy committee to meet regarding RCIA candidates for baptism and confirmation.

Newman Fellowship Report (M. Trosa via Fr. Kacerguis):

- New officers to be elected and installed after the December break.
- Upcoming events include:
 - 12/16/2011: Caroling at Little Sisters of the Poor and bell-ringing for Salvation Army.
 - 2/24-2/26/2012: retreat at Joseph's House VT (<http://www.josephshousevt.org/index.php>).
 - Alumni retreat planned for Hospitality House.
 - Given concerns over cost, discussion of retreat options where groups supply their own food and cooking?

Knights of Columbus Report (D. Dziewulski):

- Discussion at the national level regarding international interaction.
- Additional local discussions regarding patterns of nominations for first degree through third degree to update them to current circumstances.
- Rosary adoration to continue with local chapter.
- 12/11/2011: Christmas planning with the Cohoes Council.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Fr. Kacerguis.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone