

February 2012 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(2/6/2012, 6:30-8:00 PM, C+CC Lounge)

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

Mr. Thayer opened the meeting with prayer.

Chair Report (P. Kraus):

- Discussion of possible alternative dates, given the member schedules, facility use, etc., with suggestion of possible April 10 and May 8 dates (Tuesdays) in Hospitality House. Followup with C+CC director Thomas Mattern has indicated that Graduate Christian Fellowship has dinner and meetings on Tuesdays in Hospitality House.
- Mock up of Pastoral Council Pictures: completed.
- Review of Council by-laws indicates that there are some listed activities that have not been addressed.
- To enhance the running of the Council, Mr. Kraus suggested one year terms for positions, with Vice-President selected to be the President the following year.
- Mr. Kraus to follow up with Ms. Clemente regarding proposed cookie-tin Easter project. Mr. Maas will work contacts for student co-chair.
- Council members should be approaching possible members for upcoming terms. Consider one-year term option for students, although a discussion point was that this could possibly limit students out of leadership roles given the proposed Chair, Vice-Chair succession.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Fr. William Pape, Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (<http://www.cathedralic.com/>), has been in communication with Fr. Kacerguis regarding the group.
- CFCA (Christian Foundation for Children and Aging; <http://www.parishvisit.org>) wishes to present to the C+CC in 2012 to encourage parishioners to sponsor a child, elderly person, or seminarian overseas in an ongoing commitment pattern. Their model is to present all of the Masses of that weekend. The group has the appropriate approbation.
- A great Christmas season that many students miss given the semester break.
- Budget remains tight, with parish and alumni contributions balancing out. Individual dollars in weekly collection literally add up, and can represent ongoing support to Diocesan review.
- Lent is coming up soon, with documentation of C+CC events going out.
- Soup Kitchen proposal at the Italian Community Center in Troy (<http://icctroy.org/e/news.php>). This is an outgrowth of the soup kitchen at St. Mary's Church downtown, now closed. It would be a once/month commitment for 8-10 people in a 4-6 PM time frame. It would not involve cooking, but rather greeting, serving, cleanup. The Pillars of RPI (recognized staff members) would be joining in as well.
- Discussion focused on parish commitment and staffing, especially when students not around, as well as opportunity to have visible, ongoing presence in the city for a definite need. Following discussion, the Council agreed to the proposal. Lauren Kakulka and Jean Francois, both with experience, will spearhead the parish effort.
- Evening prayer rationale: this harkens back to the Jewish tradition to sacralize the day, with current Catholic priest practice to say of the office prayer of the church: morning, midday, and evening. Those in the Monastic tradition would still include Vespers.

Newman Fellowship Report (P. Maas):

- New officers have been elected and include:
 - Phil Maas, President
 - Russell Brown, Vice-President
 - Andrew Trovato, Facilities Manager

- Kathleen Flynn, Outreach Coordinator
- Tina Gilliland, Secretary/Treasurer
- Matt Kosman, Director of Technologies
- 2/24-2/26/2012: retreat at Joseph's House VT (<http://www.josephshousevt.org/index.php>).
- 3/30-4/1/2012: Alumni retreat planned for Hospitality House, to be hosted by Nicholas Wengrenovich '11.
- 3/21/2012, 3/24/2012 (@ noon), 3/27/2012 (@ 7 PM): Labyrinth set up at C+CC.
- 4/27-4/28/2012: American Cancer Society Relay for Life, with anticipation of Mass collection on 4/14-4/15/2012.
- Average attendance at Thursday meetings, ~ 8, at Sunday dinners, ~15.

Knights of Columbus Report (P. Maas):

- Elections of new officers, including:
 - Phil Maas, Grand Knight
 - David Pazzani, Deputy Grand Knight
 - Tim Snyder, Warden
 - Hayden Williams, Chancellor
 - Dave Dziewulski, Treasurer
 - John Rosbozom, Financial Secretary
 - Christian Schenkelberg, Recorder
 - Patrick Gilmartin, Advocate
- 3/31/2012: Officer retreat with focus on scheduling and goals. There is an expectation of a minimum of one week/month on service items, hence an interested tie-into the ICC Soup Kitchen.
- With respect to Emmaus House involvement, the need from the Catholic Workers has become increasingly desperate, with requests for inexpensive food and Price Chopper cards for groceries. As the needs have increased, the support has decreased, e.g, volunteer drivers more reluctant to spend money for driving.
- 2/12/2012: upcoming Third Degree ceremony with the Cohoes Council.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Fr. Kacerguis.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone