

February 2013 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(2/4/2013, 6:15-7:05 PM, C+CC Sanctuary)

<u>Present:</u>	Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), James Brennan, Russell Brown, Wilson Crone, Miriam Efken, Kathleen Flynn, Frederick Gallo, Fran Hyde, Paul Kraus, Adam Morton, Felipe Ortiz, Robert Thayer
<u>Excused</u>	Katherine Clemente, Michael Jones

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (P. Kraus):

- Approval of December 2012 minutes.
- Preparation for changeover of leadership; as he and Mr. Gallo have been in conversation regarding next year.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Christmas season went well at the Chapel, with events that emphasize the different aspects of the season.
 - First Communion on Epiphany.
 - Baptism on Baptism of the Lord; many of these baptisms involve those with prior connections to RPI and/or the parish.
 - New tradition of separate tree with student names in ornaments as a sign of their presence during the holidays.
- Parish budget remains on target, with respect to income. Modest student contributions help to alleviate budget issues in combination with alumni and community parishioners. Note that the Sun and Balance newsletter fundraiser generates a majority of the income aspect of the budget.
- Reminder that a multitude of calendars affect the C+CC schedule, ranging from liturgical to RPI and local school system schedules.
- Lenten speaker series and associated events such as the Labyrinth and Pysanky workshop, are scheduled.
- Given the schedule of speakers sought, 2014 speaker contact already initiated.
- C+C Building; ongoing repointing, with much of the effort addressing long term water seepage from previous less elastic mortar at the joints, with replacement of the insulating contents, and recaulking of windows. John Waite Associates as contractors (<http://www.jgwaarchitects.com/>).

Newman Fellowship Report (K. Flynn):

- 1/26/2013: officers' retreat to delineate terms of service following elections of new officers (eight total). President Russell Brown, Vice-President Kathleen Flynn.
- This term: both Newman Sunday dinners so far with good attendance.
- 2/22-24/2013: spring retreat at Montfort House, Litchfield CT (http://shrinect.org/Lourdes_in_Litchfield/Montfort_House.html)
- 2/28/2013 and 3/2/2103: formal Labyrinth opportunities.

Knights of Columbus Report (F. Lopez):

- Elections: Grand Knight: Felipe Ortiz; Deputy Grand Knight: Reece Kearney
- Rosary sessions will continue.
- Christmas card sales with net profit.
- Ongoing recruitment of members, with discussion of addressing financial secretary position given retirement of current office holder during the holidays. This position, by Knights of Columbus by-laws for college councils, must be filled by a permanent resident of the area.

Old Business:

- (P. Kraus): Still planning to complete Pastoral Council poster for C+C display.
- Reminder that a rewrite of by-laws to allow students one year terms, and hence flexibility, given their academic commitments.
- As indicated above, Mr. Kraus and Mr. Gallo have been in communication regarding transition, planning the Newman Board report in April as a transition. Mr. Thayer and Mr. Crone will meet as needed.

New Business:

- (F. Gallo): suggestion of sending out standard agenda out two weeks early, so that those presenters with prepared statements can include bullet points in the formal agenda sent out prior to the meeting. In addition, agenda to be posted on C+CC bulletin board, and when web site redesign complete, on Pastoral Council component, for higher visibility, as the Council prepares for an increasing role in advising the direction of the parish.
- (All): upcoming meeting times for the Council:
 - 2/27/2013: Lenten Wednesday as Council
 - 3/18/2013: 6:15 pm in the C+CC Lounge
 - 4/22/2013: 6:15 pm in the C+CC Lounge
 - 5/13/2013: 6:15 pm in the C+CC Lounge
- (All): 4/25/2103; Spring meeting of Newman Board
- Ongoing need for recruitment of new members, keeping balance of student and community membership.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Fr. Kacerguis.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone