

April 2013 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
(4/22/2013, 6:15-7:15 PM, C+CC Sanctuary)

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

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (P. Kraus):

- Approval of March 2013 minutes with minor corrections.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- March 2013: Lenten Wednesday was well-received, and several cluster churches used it as their Lenten focus.
- 3/24/2013-3/31/2013: Holy Week events went well, e.g., from outside perspective, as with new music minister. Distinctive features, such as the Agape meal for Holy Thursday, have been maintained at the Chapel.
- Support for soup kitchen at the Italian Community Center has improved among parish members. Question of whether it should be higher profile for the parish.
- Fr. Kacerguis will be busy with benedictions and other activities for seniors.
- 5/9/2013 @ 6 pm: Senior Mass on Ascension Thursday, with reception following. Liturgy Committee meeting 4/24/2013 to determine the format of the reception.
- Given the early date for Easter, upcoming feasts, e.g., Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, will be coming up rapidly.
- 5/13/2013-5/16/2013. Spring Enrichment through the Diocese at St. Rose:
http://www.rcda.org/Offices/OECFL/spring_enrichment.html The parish will support those interested in participating.
- 5/15/2013-6/20/2013: Tom Mattern medical leave of absence; C+CC business to be conducted by phone and email.
- Capital Campaign intended to augment programming at the C+CC: \$2.3 million goal, \$1.2 million raised or pledged to date. In addition, several large bequests, not included in the campaign, have been received.
- Ongoing budget process. 4/25/2013: presentation to the Rensselaer Newman Foundation Board of proposal, with reworking and acceptance at the June Board meeting. Once accepted, the budget items are available for viewing at the C+CC.
- 6/2/2013: Tour de Cure, with Brenda Williams and Fr. Jim Donlon involved:
http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/A1NYW-UpstateNewYorkArea?pg=entry&fr_id=8607
- 6/20/2013: Mary Simon, picnic and concert at the C+CC: http://marysimon.com/fr_home.cfm

Newman Fellowship Report (K. Flynn):

- Ongoing meetings and dinners have been well-received, e.g., 30 students for dinner at Hospitality House has been making it pleasantly crowded.
- 3/31/2013: Sponsorship of Easter egg hunt following 10:30 Children's Mass; higher participation than previous year.
- 4/13/2013: Booth at Accepted Students Day; eight email signups. Will need an updated flyer for Student Orientation. Note: high (2000) student turnout on this year's Accepted Students Day.
- 4/25/2013: Mr. Brown will present at the Board April meeting.
- 4/26-4/27/2013: RPI Relay for Life in the Armory http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=48248, with Newman Fellowship sponsoring a team. Additional collection of \$690 taken at 4/21/2013 Masses.
- 4/28/2013: spring cleaning of Hospitality House and C+CC with the Knights of Columbus.
- 5/11/2013: end of year BBQ in Prospect Park.
- 8/24/2013: event at Hospitality House for Freshman Orientation.
- 9/20/2013-9/22/2013: fall retreat scheduled again for St. Mary's on the Lake (Lake George):
<http://www.stmaryslakegeorge.com/>
- Dates for Labyrinth presentation in 2014 already selected, given the rate that the calendar fills up.

Knights of Columbus Report (M. Coughlin):

- Habitat for Humanity project at Fox Hollow in Troy, with over ten participants of the Knights: <http://www.habitatcd.org/blog/category/construction/fox-hollow/>
- Financial Secretary identified.
- Ongoing Monday night Catholicism video and discussion series.
- Ongoing Tuesday night Rosary series.
- 5/3-5/5/2013: Men's retreat at St. Augustine's for KOC and the parish: <http://www.staugustinesschool.org/parish.html>

Vice-Chair Report (F. Gallo):

- 4/25/2013: Will present along with Mr. Kraus at Newman Board meeting.
- Will continue to post agenda two weeks prior to meeting at the Chapel to allow for additional agenda items and to enhance Parish awareness and participation. Updated C+CC web page will have appropriate area for Pastoral Council items.
- Reminder to maintain continuity regarding documents.

Old Business:

- Mr. Kraus will spearhead a group for a large parish fundraiser for next spring. The focus should be on something different and tied to the mission of the parish.
- Additional information on hand-crafted Christmas ornaments from Bill Webster distributed and discussed, with Council interest in pursuing for this upcoming Advent season.

New Business:

- Ongoing recruitment for new members, with need to replace four individuals, given graduation or rotation off of the council. Coordination regarding approaching interested individuals, including consideration of the Council reflecting the demographics of the parish.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Mr. Morton.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone