

May 2013 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
(5/13/2013, 6:15-7:15 PM, C+CC Lounge)

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

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (P. Kraus):

- Approval of April 2013 minutes with minor corrections.
- No prospective new Pastoral Council members were in attendance; however, several will be contacted in person over the upcoming weeks.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Tom Mattern will be out from 5/15/2013 until 7/1/2013. The C+CC office will not be staffed during that time.
- 6 Sherry Rd. has a new family as residents.
- The Newman Foundation is working on the budget to be presented to the Board in June. Rick Hartt chairs the Finance Committee.
- The parish will almost certainly have a permanent deacon as of 6/1/2013, although this is not certain until the announcement is received. A letter will be sent after the new deacons are ordained on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
- Coffee hours are a matter of concern. The Newman Fellowship and the Knights of Columbus have participated, but the parish has not been responding to requests to sign up. No coffee hour was held in April, and no one is signed up for June, July, or August.
- Fr. Jim Donlin has raised over \$11k for the Tour de Cure and expresses his gratitude to the members of the parish who have contributed. Brenda Williams is still trying to reach her goal; donations may be made at http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/A1NYW-UpstateNewYorkArea?pg=entry&fr_id=8607
- Fr. Kacerguis expressed his gratitude to the members of the parish, especially the students, for their ministry to the parish and their financial contributions.
- Knights and Newman Fellowship need to give Fr. Kacerguis flyers before Student Orientation. Flyers for events occurring over the rest of the year are being prepared.

Newman Fellowship Report (K. Flynn):

- The Relay for Life was held at the end of April; the Newman Fellowship was the top fundraising club on campus, raising over \$2,300. They expressed their gratitude to the parish for their support.
- Spring cleaning of Hospitality House and C+CC with the Knights of Columbus on 4/28/2013 was well attended.
- The last few meetings and dinners have had strong attendance. The last official dinner was held on 5/14/2013.
- The end of year BBQ on 5/11 was moved to Hospitality House.
- 8/24/2013: Root Beer Float 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/> - Russell Brown and Tina Gilliland will lead.
- 10/6/2013: Reception for Newman Fellowship alumni after 10:30 Mass.

Knights of Columbus Report (F. Ortiz):

- Adam Olmstead, an alumnus, will serve as Financial Secretary; this completes the roster of officers.
- First Degree Initiation was held last week for 1 RPI member and 3 Cohoes members.
- The Knights have signed up for the Activities Fair in the Fall.
- Ongoing Monday night Catholicism video and discussion series.
- The website has been upgraded and is now in place: <http://koc.union.rpi.edu/>

Vice-Chair Report (F. Gallo):

- Transition to Chair will be official with selection of new officers in September. Anyone interested in the position of Vice-Chair should contact Mr. Gallo.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Fr. Kacerguis will host the Pastoral Council for dinner on 7/17/2013 to plan for next year.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Mr. Thayer.

Submitted By: Robert Thayer