

SEPTEMBER 2007 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(9/12/07; 6:00-7:20 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Ann Brinnitzer, Harry Cooke, Wilson Crone, Lori Fowler, Brandon Graver, Fran Hyde, Fr. Ed Kacerguis, Lisa Muscanell, Mary Jo Sorrentino, Marie Venaglia, Brenda Williams
<u>Not Present:</u>	Jim Brennan, Dave Dziewulski

The meeting began with prayer led by Fr. Kacerguis

Chair Report:

- Election of Officers for 2007-2008 Council: the following names were submitted and approved:
 - Chair: Lori Fowler
 - Vice-Chair: Brandon Graver
 - Secretary: Wilson Crone
- Approval of May 9, 2007, minutes as amended
- Vision Statement. Continued discussion and refinement of proposed statement:
 - “A diverse community, welcoming all, responding to God’s love through servant leadership”
- Fr. Ed 25th Anniversary Celebration. Lori Fowler, Fran Hyde, Mary Nagy, and Rick Hartt are developing a celebration for the last weekend in October.
 - Friday, 10/26/07, Board of Trustees Meeting, and Council of 100 dinner
 - Saturday, 10/27/07, Spider Saloff concert
 - 10/28/07, anniversary celebration at the 10:30 Mass, with Bishop Hubbard in attendance and Alumni House reception following

Pastor’s Report:

- Roof: not known if asbestos is involved, hence the current presence of a hazardous material team. Completion of work should be within 10 days.
- Director search: Jill Wishon is now Director of the C+CC
- Labor Day Welcoming Picnic: successful, including the band performance
- Budget overview: this past year was a 14 month cycle for 1 year, so that the budget year now begins on September 1. The budget this past year did end in the black.
- Social Concerns: Carol Vanno, new to the parish, will lead Social Concerns, including food collection and mittens. Fr. Kacerguis will invite a colleague to teach knitting to generate more mittens.
- Easter season: Fr. Kacerguis has connections to invite two experts to lead a workshop in producing pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs). The parish supplies the eggs, as they will bring the rest of the materials. This event is tentatively scheduled for the Saturday (2/9/08) following Ash Wednesday (2/6/08).
- Other upcoming events: flyers distributed to highlight upcoming events. Fr. Kacerguis reminded the council of the lead time required for events, e.g., reminding about the Thanksgiving Eve service.

Chaplain’s Report:

- Student Orientation took place in July and August, 2007. Marie staffed an information table as well as met with new students and their families during that time.
- Planning for GIFT was another focus of the summer. This year the theme will be “CREED.”
- Since school has begun, Marie has met with the Newman officers, taken part in Medalist Day at RPI, and assisted with Visiting Days on Campus.
- Marie has met with the youth ministers of the Parish Cluster Planning Group to organize 2 retreats this fall: one for Junior High Students and the other for High School students.

- Marie will be attending a number of meetings this month. Besides the Youth Minister's Retreat planning group, there are the monthly gatherings with area Catechetical Leaders, Deanery, and Pastoral Planning meetings.
- Marie has been working on formalizing sacramental guidelines for Christ Sun of Justice (taking into account the Diocesan guidelines and Canon Law).

Newman Fellowship Report (M. J. Sorrentino):

- As indicated earlier, C+CC barbeque a success. The Newman Fellowship will be involved with the upcoming Alpha Omega barbeque to interact with other Christian groups on campus.
- 15 students attended the first Newman Fellowship meeting of the academic year.
- Presentation on Condomble (Afro-Brazilian Catholic sect) with dinner attracted roughly 30 individuals, including a number of enthusiastic freshmen.
- Upcoming meeting will be at the Epworth Retreat Center (High Falls, NY)
- 9/30/07: the Fellowship will be cooking for Joseph's House.

Parish Life Committee:

- First meeting has not yet been set

Review/Adoption of Proposed Bylaw Changes:

- Bylaw clarification changes proposed at the May 2007 meeting adopted.

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Brandon Graver

Submitted By: Wilson Crone, Secretary-Elect