

OCTOBER 2007 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(10/10/07; 6:05-6:55 PM, C+CC Lounge)

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| <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 |
| <u>Not Present:</u> | Jim Brennan, Dave Dziewulski (Note: Grand Knight for 2007/8 will be Joseph Perchiacca, with Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Grimaldi), Brenda Williams |

The meeting began with prayer led by Ms. Venaglia.

Chair Report:

- Approval of September 12, 2007, minutes as amended for minor typos. Mr. Crone will forward to Jill Wishon, C+CC director, for posting on web site.
- Fr. Ed 25th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Fowler indicated a total of 124 affirmed for the Alumni House reception following the Mass. Firm numbers will be needed for the catering, so that continued RSVPing will be strongly encouraged.
- Vision Statement. Continued discussion and refinement of proposed statement following email suggestions:
 - “Responding to God’s love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.”MOTION to approve mission statement was made and approved. Ms. Fowler will assist in publicizing the revised mission statement and incorporating it appropriately into parish materials.

Pastor’s Report:

- Events of month include:
 - 10/13-10/14/07: Cheesecake sales by field hockey team (roughly \$7-8 garnered/cake)
 - 10/20-10/21/07: Parents’ weekend/Fall Fest, with Newman Fellowship coffee hour and apple pie/crisp sale
 - 10/26-10/28/07: events of Fr. Ed 25th anniversary as previously mentioned
 - 10/31-11/1/07: Halloween and All Saint’s Day celebration. Knights of Columbus plan to have a Recitation of the Rosary in the Sanctuary at 5:15 on 11/1.
 - 11/21/07: Thanksgiving Eve service, with encouragement for all students still on campus to attend.
- Recent meetings:
 - 10/10/07: Staff meeting and meeting of the Executive Committee of the Newman Foundation.
 - Finances currently in good order.
 - Roof to be completed ~ 11/15/07, with customized skylight and other components forthcoming.
- Upcoming meetings:
 - 10/22/07: Parish cluster to meet with Bishop Hubbard (regarding pastoral planning).
 - 11/11/07 with Dr. Lupita Montoya (Civil Engineering Dept.).
- Enrollment for Christ Sun of Justice parish to conclude this weekend; numbers are similar to last year’s.
- Altered policy on religious preference card distribution has lead to nearly 1000 returns from first year students.
- Albany Diocese to be audited for compliance for safe environment standards. Pastoral Council members were accordingly asked to document with their compliance with Diocesan standards.
- Pastoral planning:
 - Discussions are including both pastoral planning as well as administrative planning. Parishes are submitting three to five year plans to Bishop Hubbard.
 - Fr. Kacerguis has submitted to Chancellor Elizabeth Simcoe of the Diocese an offer to be responsible for campus ministry for Troy (RPI, Sage, HVCC), but with no follow up meeting set.

- Please bring a digital camera to Parish and C+CC events, to help document for upcoming Committee of 100 presentation.
- Fr. Kacerguis has proposed to Jeanne Schrempf, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, that the C+CC be opened 7/18-7/19/08 for the Papal Mass at the upcoming World Youth Day (<http://www.wyd2008.org/>).

Chaplain's Report:

- Meetings attended since last Pastoral Council Meeting included the following:
 - Pastoral Planning at St. William's, with a focus on prayer and worship
 - Deanery Meeting at St. William's (to hear reports from area Planning Groups)
 - Youth Ministers' Meeting at Pastoral Center, with Bridget Kelly (RPI student) to discuss "Bringing God to College"
 - Rensselaer County Catechetical Leaders' at St. Francis de Sales
- GIFT (theme for year: "CREED"):
 - 9/30 session: "We believe in God, the Father, Creator."
 - 11/4 session: "Communion of Saints" with Teresa Brennan leading scrapbook activity.
- Town/Gown Breakfast, C+CC. These are supported by McCarthy Charities, with this year's presenter Kevin Beatty regarding development in downtown Troy.
- Looking Ahead to weekend of 10/12-10/14:
 - This weekend is Open House on campus
 - Junior High Retreat at St. Michael's (similar High School retreat scheduled for 11/20-12/1/07)

Newman Fellowship Report (M. J. Sorrentino):

- Retreat at the Epworth Retreat Center a success, with 10 participants.
- Four cooked for Joseph's House on 9/30/07.
- Thursday evening sessions, covering a variety of topics, with an average turnout of 10 students.
- Sunday dinners average 25 to 30 participants, with the expectation that everyone will cook 1X a semester.
- 10/12/07: senior citizen outreach with Little Sisters of the Poor.
- Apple picking during the upcoming weekend, with the goal of preparing pies and crisps for Parents' Weekend/FallFest on 10/19-10/21/07.
- 11/11/07: scheduled dinner with professors.
- In preparation:
 - Bible study group within the RPI Newman Fellowship
 - meetings with Union College Newman community

Parish Life Committee:

- Wine and cheese reception will follow the All Saints liturgy.
- Ms. Fowler read from a written report from Mr. Brennan:
 - very light turnout at Movie Night, with a second to be attempted during wintertime.
 - Ladies' Dinner will be held during the Martin Luther King weekend (1/19-1/21/08).

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Ms. Venaglia.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone