

MARCH 2008 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(4/2/08; 6:00-7:00 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Jim Brennan, Ann Brinnitzer, Harry Cooke, Wilson Crone, Lori Fowler (Chair), Frederick Gallo, Brandon Graver (Vice-Chair), Joe Grimaldi, Fran Hyde, Fr. Ed Kacerguis (Pastor), Mary Jo Sorrentino, Marie Venaglia (Chaplain), Brenda Williams
<u>Not Present:</u>	---

The meeting began with prayer led by Mr. Cooke and was presided over by Mr. Graver.

Chair Report:

- Approval of 3/4/08 minutes as amended. Mr. Crone will forward to Jill Wishon, C+CC director, for posting on web site once changes are incorporated.
- Holy Week and the Easter Masses went well. A particular note of thanks is due to Fr. Kacerguis, with his efforts cooking the *Agape* meal on Holy Thursday.
- Ms. Fowler reminded members about the four Council vacancies, as well as the officer election upcoming on 4/30/08, and queried individual members about their recruitment efforts. Several likely candidates were named and will be listed and approved at the 4/30/08 meeting.

Pastor's Report:

- Lenten Wednesdays went well this year, with a different focus from the series of speakers.
- Coffee Hour signup is in progress for the upcoming calendar year.
- April 24 will be the annual Parish appreciation Mass and dinner.
- April 27 will be the Sacrament of the Sick at the 10:30 Mass.
- May 15 will be a special Mass for the graduating seniors.
- Fr. Jim Donlon will again be riding the Tour de Cure (for the American Diabetes Association), and would appreciate parishioner support.
- July 19 is planned for a live simulcast of World Youth Day (<http://www.wyd2008.org/>) in the C+CC Sanctuary space.
- Updates for pastoral planning for the parish will be shared by newsletter from Fr. Kacerguis.

Chaplain's Report:

- Pastoral Planning:
 - Faith Formation sub-committee has been meeting twice a week.
 - In addition, Ms. Venaglia spearheads the Young Adult Ministry component of that sub-committee.
- Other Diocesan meetings:
 - Rensselaer County Catechetical Leaders.
 - Rensselaer County Deanery meeting.
 - Diocesan in-service day on forgiveness (April 1).
- Rensselaer and Parish meetings/programs:
 - Attendance and involvement in Lenten Wednesdays and Holy Week activities
 - Assistance with the Rensselaer Newman Fellowship retreat (March 28-30).
 - Last GIFT session (April 6).
 - Travel with five students to see Pope Benedict XVI in Yonkers (April 19).

Knights of Columbus Report (J. Grimaldi)

- Knights delivered men's supplies to Joseph's House (March 20).
- Nomination of officers and end-of-year barbeque (April 4, 6).

Newman Fellowship Report (F. Gallo):

- Weekly meetings have resumed following Lent and Holy Week. These include a variety of activities, including a bread baking tutorial from Bill Webster and Paul Kraus in time for a bread baking fundraiser April 17-18.
- Alumni Retreat (March 28-30), with eight who stayed for the entire weekend. This was run by Rebecca Lamb, with assistance from Ms. Sorrentino and Mr. Graver.
- Little Sisters of the Poor service visit, learning about RPI, Troy, and WW II.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Accepted Students Day (April 12)
 - Coffee Hour at the Parish (April 13)
 - Bake Baking (April 17-18)
 - Relay for Life (April 25-26)
 - Ronald McDonald House (to be announced)
 - Ongoing search for Fall Retreat site

Parish Life Committee (J. Brennan):

- No update; meeting to be scheduled before the end of the RPI academic term.

New Business (L. Fowler):

- Reminder that officers will be elected at the next meeting (April 30).
- Mr. Grimaldi volunteered to shave his head for the Relay for Life fundraising.

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Mr. Cooke.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone