

DECEMBER 2009 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(12/9/09, 6:00-6:55 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Matt Callaghan, Wilson Crone, David Dziewulski, Jacqueline Fable, Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Paul Kraus, Marianne Monastero, Brenda Williams (Chair)
<u>Excused</u>	Harry Cooke, Joseph Grimaldi, Fran Hyde, Kelly Rigby, Christian Schenkelberg

Ms. Fable opened the meeting with prayer.

Chair Report (B. Williams):

- Roll call
- No additional agenda items
- Approval of November 11, 2009 minutes with no corrections. Mr. Crone will incorporate the changes and send them to Jill Wishon for posting on the C+ CC web site.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- 11/25/09: Thanksgiving Eve service went well. Typically, there has been a steady attendance of 60.
- 12/4/09: Clothe-A-Child effort between Rensselaer Newman Fellowship and Knights of Columbus went well. No tentative totals at this point.
- December 2009:
 - The budget is tight, with a second mailing going out to alumni. Formal audit of the C+CC books was successful. Elizabeth Simcoe, Chancellor of the Diocese, has been helping to perform audits across the Diocese.
 - Executive Committee of the Rensselaer Newman Foundation to meet.
 - C+CC lounge will be available for student study during the end of the term.
 - With the extended term break this year, students will not be on campus during the Christmas season.
- Ongoing Appalachian shoe drive going well, with the Chapel supplying ~ 400 pairs to date, and the Capital District approximately 10% of the 100,000 pair goal.
- Ongoing: Food pantry. Jean Francois is organizing an overall map of the county and locations of food pantries, ranging from Unity House and the Chapel. Concerns with church (and food pantry location) closures at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's downtown, but wanting to avoid replication of duplications.
- Cathedral rededication will be 11/21/2010 (3 pm; Feast of Christ the King). This will help to be a tie-in to many programs, including an anticipated three year cycle in Advent and Lent covering 1) Reconciliation; 2) Eucharist; 3) Holy Spirit.
- Pastoral Planning: new faces appearing at all Masses; 12180-12182 mailing going out in January.
 - Many events are ongoing, e.g., four First Communions and a Baptism on 1/3/2010.
 - Fr. Jim Walsh (Diocesan vocations) will meet with the Rensselaer Newman Foundation and be at all Masses in the spring.
- Knights of Columbus Report (D. Dziewulski):
 - As previous mentioned, Clothe-A-Child participation.
 - Magnet campaign with roughly \$225 proceeds to Emmaus House, with food a particular concern at this point.
 - Officer nominations are upcoming, with a January-December cycle similar to that of the Rensselaer Newman Fellowship.
 - Columbian Award for five straight years of meeting or exceeding service goals.
 - With parishes closing, there have been organizational changes to the district structuring.

- Newman Fellowship Report (M. Monastero):
- As previous mentioned, Clothe-A-Child participation.
- Ongoing weekly meetings, dinners, prayer groups.
- December: Christmas basket preparation
 - Girl's Night on 12/11/09
 - Movie Night on 12/12/09
 - Salvation Army bell ringing on 12/14/09
- Mission trip planned for Philadelphia next term, with the anticipated involvement of 11 students leading to the largest group in recent memory.
- Officer vote upcoming before end of term.

Parish Life Committee (B. Williams):

- Still looking for Parish Life Chair.
- Ms. Williams will meet with Sr. Clarisse.
- Cost to re-roof Hospitality House: \$5800.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Ms. Fable.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone