

APRIL 2010 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(4/14/2010, 6:05-6:50 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Brenda Williams (Chair), Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Matt Callaghan, Wilson Crone, David Dziejewski, Jacqueline Fable, Paul Kraus, Phillip Maas, Nicholas Wengrenovich
<u>Excused</u>	Harry Cooke, Fran Hyde

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Chair Report (B. Williams):

- Roll call
- Minutes from the February meeting, taken by Ms. Williams, approved. No meeting scheduled in March, given Lenten Wednesday sessions.
- The director of the C+CC is to be contacted for scheduling.
- Sr. Clarisse Correia is willing to help facilitate a local retreat in the early fall for the Newman Center community.
- Parish Life Committee news:
 - Current led by Roseann Rose.
 - Interest in updating the Parish 2005 survey, with the council to assist, e.g., using online tools such as Survey Monkey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/>).
 - Rick Gallo to lead a possible Wii Bowling tournament in the fall.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- Lenten Wednesday speaker series went well.
- Jim Fry (Music Ministry) indicated that the choir helped to lead the Holy Thursday and Stations of the Cross services.
- Holy Week was meaningful and prayerful.
- Upcoming Senior Mass in May will be held during Senior Week or Ascension Thursday.
- Fr. John Spain (brother of Ed Spain), a Maryknoll missionary for forty years, will celebrate Mass at the 10:30 Pentecost Sunday service, with the Spains hosting a coffee hour/reception following.
- In October, there will be two coffee hours, with the Pastoral Council hosting for Alumni Weekend on 10/17/10 and the Knights of Columbus and the Rensselaer Newman Fellowship hosting for Family Weekend 10/24/10.
- The “Called To Be Church” process involves not only church closings, but also social services. The St. Patrick’s food pantry will close with the church. Up to now, the Newman Center has focused on donations to Unity House (~\$800/year in donations), but the Diocese has asked the parish to switch to supporting the former St. Patrick’s pantry, with the C+CC donations aimed to the regional food bank for purchases.
- In addition, there will be a request for an ongoing volunteer stream, e.g., on Mondays, where Our Lady of Victory parish is supporting the Rourke Center following the St. Patrick’s closure.
- The Diocese has announced a three year program: “Amazing God.” The first program will be during Advent with a theme of forgiveness. Fr. Kacerguis is trying to find out the anticipated Lenten theme so that the Lenten Wednesday speaker series can reflect it.
- Finances at the parish are stabilizing, with the Rensselaer Newman Foundation board meeting on 4/29/10.

Knights of Columbus Report (P.Maas):

- Three new members now at the Third Degree (a requirement for officers).
 - A new member has recently joined the Knights.
 - Painting of Hospitality House will be on 4/17/10 and 4/24/10.
 - Sixteen baskets were made for Joseph House (~\$180), and ongoing toiletry collections are ongoing at the C + CC.
 - Holy Hour to be held 4/28/10.
 - KOC finances are in good shape.
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- Newman Fellowship Report (N. Wengrenovich):
 - The spring retreat was held at St. Joseph's Dwelling Place in Vermont (http://www.stjosephdp.com/menu_intro.html)
 - Alumni retreat upcoming 4/17/10, following painting of the living room in Hospitality House.
 - The mission trip for DC was successful, with fundraising raising roughly half the total costs (\$250/person) for the trip.
 - The Relay for Life upcoming on 4/23/10 has raised 80% of the historic average to date.
 - Thirteen walked the Labyrinth on 3/23/10, a higher total than usual.
 - Currently, GM Week, with bread making, with bake sales starting this weekend 4/17/10.
 - Rosary in honor of Mary held every month on the 24th, either at Hospitality House or the C+CC.
 - Easter egg hunt on 4/4/10 sponsored by the Fellowship was well received.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Fr. Kacerguis.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone