September 2012 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(9/6/2012, 6:10-7:05 PM, C+CC Sanctuary)

Present:	Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Katherine Clemente, Wilson Crone, Miriam Efken, Fran Hyde, Paul Kraus, Michael Jones, Philip Maas, Robert Thayer
Excused	James Brennan, Kathleen Flynn

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (P. Kraus):

- Greetings to new members.
- May 2012 minutes approved.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- End of 2012 spring term and summer at the Chapel went well.
- Financial year is 9/1 to 8/31. 2011-2012 ended in the black with a small surplus. Sources for income include:
  - Mass collections (~25% of income)
  - Alumni, friends, and parent gifts (~25% of income)
  - RPI annual grant for use of building (~7% of income)
  - Interest and dividends (~6% of income)
  - Diocese of Albany (~3% of income)
  - Other income and operating transfers
- 9/2/2012: Welcome picnic as led by the Schwabs and Jean Francois went well.
- September 2012: Troy Civic Theatre (http://www.troycivic.org/seasons.htm) with another performance at the C+CC.
- Thomas Mattern appointed as C+CC Director.
- GIFT in 2012-2013 will focus on Vatican II.
- Music Director search: candidates identified and in process of interviewing.
- Ongoing repair/repointing of building. A major issue is replacing the mortar, as it was made with 100% Portland cement, but the current standard of 80/20 cement/sand allows more flexibility and breathability.
  - John Waite Associates (http://www.jgwaarchitects.com/) as the architect for the process.
  - Western Building Restoration Company as the contractors.
- Lenten Series speakers lined up; theme of "Amazing God and Holy Spirit":
  - Br. Mickey McGrath (http://www.beestill.org/)
  - Sr. Patricia Chappell (http://paxchristiusa.org/about/staff/)
  - Fr. Michael Crosby (http://www.michaelcrosby.net/)
  - Fr. John Foley (http://www.ocp.org/artists/678)
  - Bishop Howard Hubbard (http://www.rcda.org/our_bishop.html)

Newman Fellowship Report (P. Maas):

- September 2012: Freshman Ceremony, Activity Fair, Welcome Picnic: RNF members active at each, generating list with 45 names of interested students.
- 9/6/2012: first meeting
- 9/9/2012: first dinner
- 9/28-9/30/2012: first retreat at St. Mary's on the Lake (http://stmaryslakegeorge.com/)

Knights of Columbus Report (P. Maas):

- September 2012: Freshman Ceremony, Activity Fair, Welcome Picnic: KOC active at each, generating list with ten names of interested students.
- 9/8/2012: KOC will be in attendance for Civil War veteran remembrance at St. Agnes cemetery (http://events.timesunion.com/albany_ny/events/show/275176885-civil-war-soldiers-honors-ceremony)
- Plans for service this academic year include C+CC, Emmaus House (http://www.catholicworker.org/communities/commlistall.cfm#NY), and Joseph's House (http://www.josephshousetroy.org/)

- Rosary on alternative Tuesday evenings will start 9/11/2012.
- KOC College Conference will conflict with Newman retreat in late September.

Discussion Topic (P. Kraus):

- Interest in discussion topic for each meeting; e.g., previous coverage of the rationale for evening prayer.
- Brief review/discussion regarding subcommittee work on Pastoral Council by-laws; to be continued at next meeting:
  - ex-officio members
  - committee information; aspirational or practical
  - size of council
  - quorum size
  - chair/vice-chair position descriptions
  - role for council in the future, e.g., when the Chapel may be directed by a Pastoral Life Director
  - Robert's Rules of Order for consensus (http://www.robertsrules.com/faq.html)

New Business (P. Kraus):

- Meeting dates for the remainder of 2012; all Mondays at 6:15 pm:
  - October 15
  - November 12
  - December 10
- Reminder that "old-style evangelization" of inviting friends to the Chapel is still the most effective approach.
- Reminder that Council members need to disseminate information among parishioners.
- Ongoing recruitment for the Council, e.g., for Vice-Chair.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Fr. Kacerguis.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone