

March 2013 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
(3/18/2013, 6:15-7:25 PM, C+CC Sanctuary)

<u>Present:</u>	Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Russell Brown, Katherine Clemente, Wilson Crone, Kathleen Flynn, Frederick Gallo, Paul Kraus, Adam Morton, Felipe Ortiz, Robert Thayer, Bill Webster
<u>Excused</u>	James Brennan, Miriam Efken, Fran Hyde, Michael Jones

Fr. Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and Chair report (P. Kraus):

- Approval of February 2013 minutes with minor corrections.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- 3/20/2013: Lenten Wednesday speaker series concludes with Bishop Hubbard; large crowd anticipated. Other churches in the cluster, Our Lady of Victory and Transfiguration Parish, have been actively participating as their Lenten activities. If there are speakers that Council members and parishioners are interested, please contact Fr. Kacerguis, as many speakers schedule one to two years out. He will contact the Diocese to highlight the appropriate Lenten theme for 2014.
- 3/28/2013: Holy Thursday, with approximately 20 servers from the Pastoral Council and Newman Fellowship needed for the Agape meal and foot washing.
- 4/25/2013: Newman Board meeting and Parish Appreciation night; please RVSP to the invitation.
- 5/25/2013: RPI graduation and subsequent summer schedule.
- Discussions with the Diocese regarding a permanent deacon for the Chapel.

Newman Fellowship Report (K. Flynn):

- 2/22-24/2013: spring retreat at Montfort House, Litchfield CT (http://shrinect.org/Lourdes_in_Litchfield/Montfort_House.html) with fifteen attendees. Will consider sites that match up closely with anticipated participation for future retreats.
- 3/16/2013: formal Labyrinth presentation with low participation; will need to formalize schedule well ahead of time to be included in Chapel flyers and information.
- 3/20/2013: Newman Fellowship participation in Bishop Hubbard Lenten Wednesday.
- 3/23-3/24/2013: bread baking fundraiser.
- 3/31/2013: Sponsorship of Easter egg hunt following 10:30 Children's Mass
- 4/13/2013: Booth at Accepted Students Day
- 4/26-4/27/2013: RPI Relay for Life in the Armory http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=48248, with Newman Fellowship sponsoring a team and seeking Parish participation during the weekend of 4/20-4/21/2013 and both online participation.

Knights of Columbus Report (F. Lopez):

- May need to coordinate with another council for filling of financial officer position.
- Anticipated Habitat for Humanity project.
- Monday series of Catholic videos, 7 pm in the C+CC Lounge.
- Ongoing recruitment of new members.

Vice-Chair Report (F. Gallo):

- Anticipation of posting agenda two weeks prior to meeting at the Chapel to enhance Parish awareness and participation.
- Discussion of transition and availability of materials to officers, e.g., through Google Documents.

Old Business:

- (P. Kraus): photo composite of the Pastoral Council completed.

New Business:

- (Fr. Kacerguis): need for approximately 20 servers for the Agape meal on Holy Thursday.
- (B. Webster): woodworking interest and Christmas ornament sales for St. James School project of food drive, to be accompanied by other parishioners. This would need to be coordinated with the Commission on Social Justice, e.g., aiming for the second week of Advent in the upcoming December.
- (All): other parishes with large scale, big-event fundraisers; such an event at the C+CC would need extensive planning.
- Ongoing recruitment for new members, particularly among parishioners not previously associated with the Council. Including student graduations/rotation of RPI Catholic student organizations, will need to look for at least four replacement members.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Mr. Brown.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone