

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2011**

**Present:** Mary Kay Anderson, Kristin Campagnolo, Beth Carroll, Kerry Curran, Carl Franck, Eileen Gravani, Rick Hartman, Kristin Lynch, Fr. Joe Marcoux, Mary Lee Noden, Colleen Perkins, Janet Strebel, Bev Way

**Excused:** Nancy Pringle

**Absent:** Erin Fetsko

The PC meeting opened with a prayer led by Kerry Curran.

Minutes from September – Beth Carroll moved to approve the September PC minutes with minor changes, which was seconded by Carl Franck. The minutes were approved by the PC.

**Fr. Joe's Comments:**

There is an ongoing discussion with the Town of Ithaca concerning the signage on Hanshaw Road. Currently the signage is poorly lit due to the solar lighting and a nearby tree. Building and Grounds Committee has identified 3 options: 1) repainting the lettering with highly reflective paint; 2) running an electric cable to the sign; and 3) using a solar device with more capacity. The first two options are too costly. Colleen Perkins suggested contacting Gary and Bill. Gary arranged for the sign, has worked with the company and has dealt with the sign ordinances.

Finance Council has recommended a \$20,000 allocation to Building and Grounds for this upcoming year. (In their committee Report, Building and Grounds had recommended \$20,000 for this year with increasing amounts for the next 5 years.)

Facilities: The chapel in the Parish Center has been moved and we are now using the church for weekday mass. This allows for more space on Sunday for classes. Even with this, there are space constraints. The religious education program is growing and families are pleased with it. We have more children than last year, even with no kindergarten.

International Festival: It was a wonderful event with 150 volunteers. Bishop Clark attended on Sunday. There was limited attendance and this will be addressed in the committee debriefing. The goals were to build community within the parish, reach the broader community and fund-raise and these were achieved. The PC gave some suggestions for the future to Carl, a member of the Planning Committee. Please email Carl with any other suggestions. It was proposed that there be a short survey of the parishioners.

**Welcoming Statement:**

It was suggested that the statement be available for people to see before the Mass, however they don't actually see it until after Mass in the bulletin. It was proposed that the Welcoming Statement be posted in the vestibule so it could be read when entering the church.

The Welcoming Statement was approved unanimously with minor changes in punctuation.

**Pastoral Council Mission and Vision:**

Janet provided a brief history of the development and the importance of the PC members having the Mission and Vision. A discussion on developing norms of the PC based on the Mission and Vision followed. These norms will be followed as we work together this coming year. Members worked in small groups developing possible norms. Groups then shared their suggestions and identified common themes among group suggestions.

1. We acknowledge that God is working through each member of the Council. Therefore, we respectfully articulate, listen to and seek out the voices of this parish. In doing this, at our meetings we will:

- a. continue to begin and end each meeting with a prayer;
  - b. listen attentively to all ideas and other points of view, with no side conversations; and
  - c. use respectful language and willingly sharing all perspectives and beliefs. This is critical in achieving true consensus.
2. We will begin and end meetings on time.
  3. We will be prepared to volunteer when needed.

#### Communications Committee Request:

The Communications Committee requested that the PC identify 3 to 4 activities for them to emphasize in the coming year. The PC identified three activities to publicize to the external community. These are:

- 1) Articles/ PR on the culmination of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the parish on April 20, 2012.
- 2) Articles/PR on the International Peace Festival in Fall 2012.
- 3) Article focusing on Shary Scanza and the music program or a special musical event at the parish.

There was one internal activity:

- 1) Highlighting the new families in the parish.

#### Facilities Update:

The Facilities Planning Steering Committee will present a conceptual plan at the November PC meeting. Feedback from parishioners to Father Joe is that there is agreement that we do need a new building and there is no point in putting money into the existing facility. The emphasis for the new building should be on faith formation and intergenerational programming. The importance of the PC's role in presented the information to the Parish was discussed.

#### Thank you's:

Sister Mary for her work with the PC – Nancy Pringle

Mary Boris for her work with the PC –

Juan Arroyo for his work with the PC – Beverly Way

Welcoming and Social Committee for work on the Parish picnic – Colleen Perkins

Christine Williams and Trisha Patte for the Vacation Bible School – Kristin Lynch

Frank Fetsko and Planning Committee for the International Peace Festival- Kerry Curran

Dawn Redlin and Committee for the Elegant White Elephant Sale – Mary Lee Noden

Deb Housel for conducting the September retreat for the PC – Kerry Curran

#### Changes in the Roman Missal:

Joan Workmaster from the Diocese conducted two sessions for liturgical ministers regarding the upcoming changes in the Roman Missal. Father Joe will be conducting three sessions on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> as well as November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Father Joe mentioned the beauty and power of the new translations of prayers.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Minutes Submitted By:

Eileen Gravani

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