

**Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2011 – Approved May 2011**

Present at the meeting were: Jan Budman, Kevin Frantz, Ruth Gross, David Kelley, Kurt Knaus, Scott Nazar, Richard Roman, Barry Ryan, Jill Weikert, Terry Wert and Father Rozman. Lynn Burkholder and Ann Notarfrancesco were excused.

- The February 21, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. The record should reflect that Barry Ryan, as vice-chair, led the February 21, 2011 meeting as Jan Budman, Chair, was excused on that date. Additionally, the date referenced for the Great Adventure Scripture Study, under “Updates and Upcoming Events” should be March 2, 2011. With said changes noted, Barry moved to approve, and Terry seconded. The motion carried by consensus.

- Areas of Mission

*Evangelization* (David Kelley) – No report

*Education* (Ruth Gross) – Ruth provided an update on the School of Religion. Students were given crucifixes as gifts from the church for First Penance. The Knights of Columbus will give Bibles as gifts to the First Holy Communion class. School of Religion students recently held a bake sale to benefit Haiti. Fr. Rozman provided a brief summary on Cathedral School’s financial status, which is currently in the red.

*Pastoral Ministry* (Ann Notarfrancesco) – No report

*Liturgy* (Terry Wert) – Terry noted that the Liturgy Committee meets the first Saturday of the month. Starting in September, for six weeks, talks will be given at the beginning of Mass about the upcoming liturgical changes. A Diocesan meeting was held for priests and deacons regarding the new translation. Beginning during the Easter season, there will be information provided at church by way of inserts to help introduce the changes.

*Social Justice* (Barry Ryan) – Barry reported that the Sunday dinners are going well. There were some questions about the security system. Father said that this would be reviewed at the upcoming coordinators meeting. Collected items other than clothing will be distributed via “New Digs Ministry” which will aid the Catholic Charities refugee resources. Area Catholic schools are participating in a food drive network to help with donations for the food bank.

*Ecumenism* (Richard Roman) – Rich relayed an update, having spoken with Deacon Clark. The Downtown Ministerium recently met at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church. On March 27, Deacon Clark is giving a talk at the nearby mosque on the topic “Awaited Messiah.”

*Finance* (Kevin Frantz) – No report, as the next Finance Council meeting is set for April 11, 2011.

*Stewardship* (Scott Nazar) – There has not been any recent activity. The Parish is investigating what other organizations are doing for stewardship.

- Updates and Upcoming Events

Father pointed out the wonderful pencil sketch of the Cathedral, which was created and given as a gift by a Parishioner.

Kitchen Renovations – The Diocese approved the feasibility study. Father asked for names of architects so that three to five could be considered. Barry questioned whether having an architect was an obligation, as opposed to moving directly to working with a general contractor. Barry's opinion was that there were individuals already involved in the project who could serve as "design specialists." Barry will check at the Diocese about the requirements. Rich added that it is wise to have a plan down on paper to avoid possible problems and unnecessary future expenditures. Jill suggested that if a smaller or an independent architect is used, costs might be less. Jan summarized the need to gauge/confirm any project cost threshold and requirements by the Diocese. David referenced the timeline handout he provided at the last meeting, as it can be used as a guide for deadlines. It was noted that Cathedral School uses the kitchen for school lunch, and any construction plans might be according to the school calendar. Barry voiced plans to re-send a previously created and distributed action plan to Council, with a request that it be reviewed.

Great Adventure Scripture Study – There are about 25 people involved on Wednesday nights. The Thursday night bible study program has outgrown their current meeting room, illustrating a healthy appetite for the topic.

Godspell at Broadway Classics Theatre March 25, 2011 – Father extended the invitation to all, with request to respond by Wednesday, March 23 if interested.

Tuesday Lenten Series – The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is providing the presentations this year. Tomorrow's topic is Social Justice. Father reported that it was a lively discussion last week.

Lenten Appeal – The Lenten Appeal took place last weekend and will occur again next weekend. As a follow-up, contact will occur via the mail.

New Parishioner Welcome April 3, 2011 after the 12:15 Mass. If anyone from Pastoral Council would like to be present, all are welcome.

- New Business

- The Same Divine Calling: Including People with Disabilities in Parish Life – This is a seminar offered by Ginny Duncan, Director of the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities. It is about two hours in length. Ginny could attend a Pastoral Council meeting to give the presentation. Jim Donahue, the Parish Advocate, would like to attend a Pastoral Council meeting as well. Father will check with Ginny and Jim about their availability. It is possible that Jim could attend the May meeting and Ginny, possibly the June meeting. That meeting may start slightly earlier and take the place of the regular June meeting.
- Jan and Lynn will meet to discuss a parish survey at some point before the next Pastoral Council meeting, and report accordingly.
- Scott described his recent activity in planning the next parish picnic/Senators ballgame. The tent is available. Present consideration is June 12, 2011.

- Prayer Assignment for the next meeting: Ruth Gross (Barry Ryan in May)

- Date for next meeting: **Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7 PM in BRH** (there will be no April meeting as it falls during Holy Week)

After a closing prayer, the regular council meeting concluded. An Executive Session called by Father Rozman was to occur afterwards.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanya Dick, Recording Secretary