

Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2011 – Approved 11/21/11

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

The record reflects that in Jan's absence, Barry Ryan, Vice-Chair, conducted the meeting.

- The September 19, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. Two errors were noted and corrected. Noting such, Scott moved to approve; Ann seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

- Areas of Mission

Evangelization (David Kelley) – No report

Education (Ruth Gross) – On October 21, 7th and 8th grades at Cathedral School had a field trip to Washington D.C. Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades attended a Halloween event at Trinity High School. Teacher wish lists are available at <http://teacherwishlist.com/>. Search for Cathedral School under zip code 17101. A Holiday Kick-Off party will be held on November 6th at Appalachian Brewing Company in Harrisburg. The annual school Christmas program will be at St. Lawrence chapel on December 19th.

Pastoral Ministry (Ann Notarfrancesco) – There was \$894 donated from the baby bottle collection this year. \$57,578 was collected in total on baby bottles. \$29,000 was collected from the Walk for Life. Barry added that there are still a number of baby clothing items at the Cathedral. Ann will work with Mrs. Brehm (from the Saturday morning breakfast program) in transferring those items to Morning Star.

Liturgy (Terry Wert) – New music is being added to the Liturgy. Throughout the summer there have been many meetings to educate staff about the changes. The first Sunday of Advent will mark the beginning of the liturgical changes. Barry added that Notre Dame has a program called Summer Song. The local ND Club offers a \$600 scholarship and transportation to attend a workshop on the ND campus. Father will talk with Barry more about this topic.

Social Justice (Barry Ryan) – The programs continue amidst the downturn in the economy. There is a need for a coordinator for the dinner program on the 3rd Sundays. Father will share this during Mass. If no one is found, that Sunday dinner may be temporarily cancelled. Barry spoke of the sad state of the economy in the Midstate. A community appeal is being made to establish various programs (made up of committee people of “movers and shakers”) with volunteers to rejuvenate morale and educate the populous on topics such as starting a business, interviewing for jobs, etc. Barry is involved in a program focusing on education and Hispanic individuals. The goal is to foster education at the grass roots level in a safe, comfortable environment. This encourages the individuals to move into volunteer and leadership roles and can help repopulate the schools.

Ecumenism (Rich Roman) – Rich spoke with Deacon Clark – On 10/24, there will be a Day of Dialogue with LARC to talk about the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict. On 10/25, the PA Council of Churches will be celebrating their 100th anniversary. Bishop McFadden and Deacon Clark will be at Trinity Lutheran that afternoon to celebrate. On October 26th at 7 PM, there will be a vespers service for the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul calling together the 2 days of world peace. On October 27th at 8 AM at the

Cathedral, Bishop McFadden is holding a Mass for world peace. A prayer service for peace is planned for Thanksgiving Eve at the Hadee Mosque at Green & Division Streets. Barry added that the annual “Come and See” Dinner fundraiser for Catholic Charities will be held at the Diocesan Center on November 7th at 6 PM.

Finance (Kevin Frantz) – No finance council meeting has been held since last report. Father noted that the parish is still in the black, and that there is not yet a recent report from the Diocese.

Stewardship (Kurt Knaus/Scott Nazar) – Father will look into some things as an alternative to our previous Time/Talent/Treasure program and work with Kurt and Scott.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parish Ministries – A printout from the parish website was provided to Council members. Council should consider updating this area and use it as an aid when making reports. Areas discussed were: Adult Religious Education Committee, Stewardship Committee meeting schedule; Bereavement is not really being done, may tie in with Sunday dinner program; Parish Advocate – Jim Donohue would like to attend an upcoming meeting; Respect Life Committee needs more consideration; Vocation Awareness Committee needs more consideration; Young Married Families needs more consideration; Adopt-A-Family (through the school); Building and Grounds has no formal committee; Money Counters recently ended, but some come in on Monday mornings; There is no Garden Club (Scott’s wife and Ruth Gross may be interested in reactivating this club.); Lynn asked about a Ministry for Separated, Divorced, Widows. People are looking for support groups for this issue. They are few and far between. Father said it is connected with the Diocesan Family Ministries. Lynn said the need is within the first 6 months for a weekly meeting. Father suggested contacting Victoria Laskowski at the Diocesan Center. Father seconded the notion that this is an area worth exploring further, noting three recent deaths within the parish where such a program would have been helpful. A facilitator would be needed. Lynn will explore the topic online to see if anything is happening locally. Father will contact the Christian Churches United director to see if any neighboring churches have anything in place. Ruth noted that the welcome of visitors (greeters and Father’s mention at the end of Mass) is appreciated.
- Parish Survey – Lynn and Jan are still working on getting together to discuss this.
- Updates:

Cathedral School – Father has not heard directly from the Bishop, but has heard from the CFO. The CFO will be invited to take a tour of the school and discuss the finances.

Rectory Open House to be rescheduled – a new date is to be announced (maybe during the winter).

Parish Facilities: *Social Hall Kitchen* – This topic is still ongoing, although it has been on the back burner. *Church Boiler* – recently advised that it should be replaced. John Bircher and Father are discussing this issue and what it might entail. It currently uses gas. *Rectory Roof* - will need more than temporary work.

Father asked if these areas should be wrapped into the kitchen renovation program as far as raising the funds.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim Donahue – Father will contact him to schedule his attendance at a future meeting.
- Parish Picnic – Scott will continue with the Senators Game planning as a parish outing. Becky Fair will be working on a family-friendly picnic similar to the one held last year with the School of Religion.
- For clarification, all council members add one year to their term, not just those set to end in 2011.
- Rich noted that he has shared material from our program for Pastoral Council with family members who are starting such a program at their church.
- For the next meeting, Rich stated that he would not be able to be in attendance.
- Barry talked about the Knights holding a Bingo night fundraiser. The annual sub sale is slated for January (Superbowl) through the Knights of Columbus.
- Date for next meeting: **November 21, 2011 at 7 PM in BRH** – prayer assignment: Rich Roman – Barry Ryan will provide the prayer in his planned absence.
 - Monday, December 19, 2011
 - School Christmas Program
 - Monday, January 23, 2012
 - Monday, February 20, 2012
 - Monday, March 19, 2012
 - Monday, April 16, 2012
 - Monday, May 21, 2012
 - Monday, June 18, 2012

Having fulfilled all agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tanya Dick, Recording Secretary