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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

March 13, 2014

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

**Present:**

Fr. Peter Gori, Fr. Richard O'Leary, Deacon Lou Piazza, Barbara Biondo, Sheila Doherty, Erik Eldracher, Debra Falvey, Kathy George, Kim Grady, Pat Jennings, Julie Kelley, Michelle Karlberg, Eugenie Moffitt, Thomas Reynolds, Vice Chair, Thomas Rickenbacker, Paul Romano, Dana Rowland, Allyson Smith and Klara Vajda.

**Absent:**

Sean Burke, Greg Clements, and Marianne Rhoads.

**Opening Prayer:**

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

**Review of Minutes from January 22, 2014 Meeting:**

The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held January 22, 2014 were accepted as presented and will be posted on the Parish's website.

**Reflective Reading and Sharing:**

Rule Principle Ten: Authority and Obedience as Service.

**Parish Pastoral Council Communications Outreach: Sr. Madonna Kling, CDP, Pastoral Associate and Leader of the Adult Faith Formation**

Sr. Madonna presented a summary of activities held throughout the year which included the *Catholicism Series* (a 10 part series held throughout the year), *Why Catholic Program* (two 6-week sessions held Spring and Fall over a 4-year period), *Scripture Study Group* (weekly meetings), *Ministry Day* (held twice a year), *Family and Faith Committee* (ongoing small group meetings of young mothers with families), and several other activities.

Sr. Madonna invited the Council to forward any suggestions/ideas to her at [srmadonna@staugustineparish.org](mailto:srmadonna@staugustineparish.org). Sr. Madonna answered all questions from the Council and left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**Update on Parish Twinning Proposal:**

Paul Romano and Julie Kelley presented an overview of the proposed Parish Twinning Program between St. Jude's Parish in Haiti and St. Augustine's Parish in Andover, MA. Paul noted there are no specific financial commitments for the twinning program. These are worked out individually between the twinning parishes. The Twinning presentation met with positive

response from the council, and the committee was encouraged to continue their research. There will be an updated presentation on the twinning program at future PPC meetings.

**Disciples in Mission:**

Fr. Peter updated the Council on the current phase of the Collaboration which is now focused on Training. Phase I Pastoral Teams have been receiving intensive leadership and Evangelization training, attending workshops and webinars on writing local Pastoral Plans and participating in on-site local Parish leadership training. Phase I participants are now in the process of finalizing and presenting their Parish Pastoral Plans. Catholic Leadership Institute is conducting the training.

Phase II Collaborative Pastors (21 Collaboratives comprised of 44 parishes) have been announced with an effective date of June 3, 2014. Also on that date the Phase III Collaboratives will be announced.

Fr. Peter urged the Council to keep up-to-date on the progress of the Collaboratives by checking the official website [www.disciplesinmission.com](http://www.disciplesinmission.com) frequently.

It was suggested that we designate a portion of the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Masses for all Phases of the collaboration.

**Pastor's Updates/Discussion:**

- *Lent and Holy Week Liturgy:* Fr. Peter asked the Council for feedback on the liturgy changes at Ash Wednesday and Sunday Masses – i.e. during Lent several of the hymns and prayers will be sung in Latin. Because of unfamiliarity by many with the Latin hymns, it was suggested that a worship aid be prepared to assist the parishioners. While some of the older parishioners felt the return to Latin was comforting, other younger parishioners found the Latin to be quite foreign. It was noted that having the choir lead the singing of the Latin hymns is of great assistance to the congregation.
- *Good Friday:* The Passion of the Lord will be commemorated at 3 pm and the Stations of the Cross will be at 7 pm. It was noted that this is the traditional times for these services.
- *St. Augustine School Centennial and Gymnasium Plans:* The gym building project will go out for bid within the next two weeks. The School held its annual fundraiser, the “Spring Extravaganza”, at a new locale this year, the Andover Wyndham. The projected profit (which is dedicated entirely to the gymnasium project) is about \$75,000.

**Old/New Business:**

- Annual Catholic Appeal is going very well. Currently St. Augustine's is in second place in the Archdiocese with the number of early responses.
- Parish Center: Five years ago when Fr. Peter became pastor of St. Augustine's, the mortgage for the Parish Center was approximately \$730 thousand. The current balance is now down to \$160 thousand. St. Augustine's has received an unexpected bequest of \$125 thousand from an estate. Fr. Peter asked the Council their opinion of applying the donated funds to pay down the mortgage, leaving just a small balance that could be paid off with available funds. The Parish Council strongly affirmed Fr. Peter's plan.

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Fr. Peter also proposed at the same time as the mortgage “burning”, dedicating the Parish Center’s Assembly Hall to former pastor, Fr. Henry Bernard Smith, OSA. Fr. Smith served St. Augustine Parish from 1935 to 1963, the last seven years as pastor. He was instrumental in growing St. Augustine’s School, having acquired property which allowed the doubling of its size and creation of a convent/parish center. The School has an oil painting of Fr. Smith that could be cleaned and prepared in time for the proposed dedication of the Assembly Hall in July 2014.

- The Knights of Columbus will hold their two Lenten fish bakes on 3/14 and 3/28 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. All were encouraged to attend.
- Schedule of Meetings at 7pm:
  - Thursday, May 8 – Assembly Hall
  - Saturday/Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup> Nominations for 2015 PPC
  - Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 4pm Mass – Vigil of Pentecost - Selection of New PPC Members
  - Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Transition Breakfast following 8am Mass – Assembly Hall

**Closing Prayer, Petitions:**

The meeting was closed with the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary