



St. Augustine Parish Community

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

May 8, 2014

7:45 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Fr. Peter Gori, Deacon Lou Piazza, Barbara Biondo, Sheila Doherty, Debra Falvey, Kim Grady, Julie Kelley, Michelle Karlberg, Eugenie Moffitt, and Marianne Rhoads.

Absent:

Fr. Richard O'Leary, Sean Burke, Greg Clements, Erik Eldracher, Kathy George, Pat Jennings, Thomas Reynolds, Vice Chair, Thomas Rickenbaker, Paul Romano, Dana Rowland, Allyson Smith, and Klara Vajda.

Opening Prayer:

Prayer to Pope St. John XXIII recited from the prayer cards handed out by Fr. Peter.

Reflective Reading and Sharing:

Rule Principle Eleven: Ongoing Conversion.

Review of Minutes from March 13th Meeting:

The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held March 13, 2014 were accepted as presented and will be posted on the Parish's website.

Parish Twinning Project:

Julie Kelley stated that the Parish Twinning Proposal is still being researched.

PPC Nomination/Selection Process of five new members:

Fr. Peter noted that the terms of the following five members of the Council end this May: Sean Burke, Sheila Doherty, Kim Grady, Julie Kelley, and Marianne Rhoads.

Fr. Peter thanked these members for their three years of service on the Council and reiterated the process/schedule for selection to the Council.

- Nominations welcome May 17-18 through June 1-2 (close after 5:30pm Mass).
- Vice Chair will call those who are nominated to verify their willingness to serve.
- Selection made at Vigil of Pentecost Mass, 4pm on June 7.
- Transition Mass and Breakfast – June 14, 8am Mass with breakfast following.

Pastor's Updates/Discussion:

- Fr. Peter noted that John and Tara McCormick and Paul and Joan Dollard are this year's recipients of the Rotary's "Citizens of the Year" award. This award is taking place this evening, and Fr. Rich O'Leary and Klara Vajda are representing the Parish.
- Financial Update:
 - *Parish Center loan and Annual Catholic Appeal:* Fr. Peter stated that as of May 1st, we have paid off the building debt on the Parish Center for Education and Ministry, a total of about \$4.5 million. On August 24, in celebration of this accomplishment and coinciding with the Centennial of St. Augustine Parish School, the Assembly Hall in the Center will be dedicated in honor of a much beloved former pastor, Fr. Henry B. Smith, OSA. Bridget Rao, Director of Religious Education, will Chair the associated activities.
 - *Annual Catholic Appeal:* Fr. Peter stated that he is quite hopeful that the number of participants goal will be achieved this year. He also acknowledged the Parish's good and generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal
 - *St. Augustine School Centennial and Gym Project:* Fr. Peter stated we are still doing fine on the fundraising for the gym. We are at approximately \$1.5 million raised with combined cash donations and pledges.
- Lent/Easter Liturgies: The response/feedback on the changes in the Easter Liturgies was overall positive. Wednesday evening's "The Light is on for You" was very crowded. The biggest change was scheduling the Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross at 3pm on Good Friday. The church was almost full for this service. The Stations of the Cross, held this year at 7pm on Good Friday, had average attendance. It was felt that the popularity of the 3pm service was mainly due to the time, not the details of the liturgy.

Old/New Business:

- A possible change to the Sunday Mass schedule was discussed. After much thought and monitoring of the attendance/parking at the seven Masses offered each weekend, the following proposed change is being studied:
 - St. Augustine's – **Saturday**, 4:00pm Mass; **Sunday**, 8:00am Mass, 9:30am Mass, 11:30am Mass, (no 12:30pm Mass), and 5:30pm Mass.
 - St. Joseph's – **Sunday**, 10:00am Mass.
- Schedule of Parish Council Activities:
 - Saturday/Sunday May 24th/25th and May 31st/June 1st Nominations for 2015 PPC
 - Saturday, June 7th 4pm Mass – Vigil of Pentecost - Selection of New PPC Members
 - Saturday, June 14th – Transition Breakfast following 8am Mass – Assembly Hall

Closing Prayer, Petitions:

The meeting was closed with the prayer to Pope St. John Paul II recited from the prayer cards handed out by Fr. Peter.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary