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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 14, 2013

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Sean Burke, Greg Clements, Kathy George, Kim Grady, Allyson Smith.

**Opening Prayer:**

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

**Review of Minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held October 10, 2013 were accepted as presented and will be posted on the Parish's website.

**Reflective Reading and Sharing:**

Rule Principle Eight: The Common Good.

**Disciples in Mission:**

Fr. Peter encouraged a Q & A session on the progress of the newly formed Collaboratives and our upcoming collaboration with St. Robert's. First Phase Collaborative results are coming in slowly, but first results are that things are progressing smoothly. It appears the more preparation undertaken ahead of time, the smoother the transition. Deacon Lou explained the process of how the Clergy Personnel Board staffs the new Collaborative, and Fr. Peter noted how the religious community (ex. Augustinians) handles personnel assignments compared to the archdiocese.

The website [www.disciplesinmission.com](http://www.disciplesinmission.com) lists four suggested actions parishes can undertake now to focus on the new evangelization. The Parish Council suggested that at the start of 2014 we promote a quarterly shared prayer/worship hour with the combined Councils and Staffs of St. Augustine's and St. Robert's to pray for the success of our Collaborative. There will be ongoing education regarding the Collaboration published in the bulletin.

Note: Anne Paradis, representative of our Vicariate, has concluded her three year term on the Archdiocese Pastoral Council as advisor to the Cardinal.

**Pastoral Updates:**

- St. Joseph's Church Renovations: St. Joseph's Church is in the process of undertaking renovations with the target completion date of the Thanksgiving Mass. The step between the sanctuary and the body of the church has been a potential hazard for many years. After research it was determined that the step cannot be removed without redesigning the whole building. Instead, two pews have been removed on either side of the Church nearest the altar and communion will be distributed in the opened space, thereby eliminating the need for communicants to navigate the step. Hardwood flooring will be installed in the sanctuary and step area, and new carpeting has been ordered for the rest of the church. Donations have almost totally covered these expenses.
- Christmas Mass Schedule: Fr. Peter distributed a copy of next Sunday's bulletin highlighting *From the Pastor's Desk* explaining the changes to the Christmas Mass schedule. For a variety of reasons, including recognition of the impact on all the Liturgical Ministries and the elimination of overcrowding, a 6pm Mass has been added at the Collins Center and the Mass at Merrimack College has been eliminated. There will be reminder notices of the new schedule every week in the bulletin from now until Christmas, and the schedule will be posted on the website.
- St. Augustine School Centennial Plan Update: Eugenie Moffitt distributed the most recent copy of the SAS Centennial Schedule of Events for 2014. She updated the Council on the plans for the year-long celebration, highlighting the new Centennial Logo, the new website ([www.sas100.org](http://www.sas100.org)) and the new Facebook page (@St. Augustine Family and Friends). Sheila Doherty offered the SAS Committee a portion of the Doherty Insurance weekly cable TV time to advertise the upcoming events. Eugenie also mentioned a standing request for photos/memorabilia from alumni and other parishioners.

**Old/New Business:**

- Saturday, January 4, 2014 has been chosen for the PPC Social. Sheila Doherty and Julie Kelley will work on the details of this function.
- Schedule of Meetings at 7pm:
  - Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Social, place TBD
  - **Wednesday**, January 22 – TBD
  - Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Conference Room 2
  - 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