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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

March 14, 2013

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Fr. Peter Gori, Deacon Lou Piazza, Barbara Biondo, Sheila Doherty, Erik Eldracher, Debra Falvey, Kathy George, Pat Jennings, Michelle Karlberg, Julie Kelley, John Markiewicz, Thomas Reynolds, Marianne Rhoads and Klara Vajda.

Absent:

Fr. Richard O'Leary, Sean Burke, Thomas Burke, Kim Grady, Thomas Rickenbacker and Benoit Thibault.

Opening Prayer:

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel. Fr. Peter requested all to keep Pope Francis in our prayers.

Reflective Reading and Sharing:

Rule Principle Four: Worship.

Minutes from November 8, 2012:

Because of the length of time between the previous PPC meeting and the current meeting, the minutes for the 11/8/12 PPC meeting were accepted via email as presented and have been posted on the website.

Paula O'Dea, Principal of St. Augustine School, joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Update on St. Augustine School:

- *Gymnasium Project:* Fr. Peter handed out a one-page summary of the history of the St. Augustine School from its inception on November 8, 1914 to the recent purchase of the 51R School Street property in December 2012.

The purchase of this property makes it possible to locate the proposed gymnasium in close proximity to the school building while meeting the Town of Andover's building code setback requirements without the need for obtaining a variance. The goal is to have the gym built and opened in time for the School's 100th Anniversary in 2014.

Fr. Peter noted the high level of support for building the gymnasium from the Archdiocese (permission process criteria met), the Town of Andover (Planning Board meetings went well), and the parents/alumni of St. Augustine School (recent/proposed

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fund raising events have been enthusiastically received). Deb and Chris Falvey are co-chairs of the naming opportunities portion of the fund raising activity.

Fr. Peter stated that the next public Planning Board Meeting will be Wed., 3/27/13, at 8 pm at the Town Safety Building.

Paula O'Dea presented several large charts which showed in detail the blueprint layout of the gym; the interior of the gym including the court, seating area, bathrooms and storage area; a color rendition of the conceptual view from the Town's parking lot showing a similar facade to the Parish Center; and a simple graphic of the building from a different view.

The projected timeline: Maclaren Associates, Inc. of Andover (the architect for the Parish Center and now the proposed gymnasium) has stated the project could be completed in eight months, start to finish.

It was noted that parishioners who had contributed to the previous Capital Campaign at St. Augustine's and had earmarked their donations for the then proposed gym are being contacted to see if they wish their names displayed at the new gym in an suitable way.

Principal O'Dea answered all the Council's questions and left the meeting at 8:00.

- *School Centennial Plans:* A Committee is starting to brainstorm ways to reach out to alumni in planning for the reunion.

Old/New Business:

- The Archdiocese Pastoral Plan is in Phase I – Implementation
- Cardinal Sean has named Pastors for four of the Phase I Collaboratives:
Fr. Mark Mahoney, for Beverly (St. Margaret, St. Mary Star of the Sea, and St. John); *Monsignor William Fay, for Methuen* (St. Lucy and St. Monica); *Fr. Shawn Allen, for Billerica* (St. Theresa, St. Mary, and St. Andrew); and, *Fr. Carlos Flor, for St. Mary of the Angels in Roxbury and St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady of Lourdes in Jamaica Plain.* All of these appointments are effective on June 4, 2013. Fr. Peter suggested the Archdiocese website www.disciplesinmission.com for current information on the Pastoral Plan. The St. Augustine/St. Robert Collaborative is still expected not to occur before Phase 3 or 4.
- Ken Smith (School's Fund Raising Committee) entered the meeting at 8:10 pm to update the PPC on the outcome of the School's Spring Extravaganza: The event raised approximately \$85,000 after expenses. Mr. Smith then left the meeting.
- Tom O'Brien, pianist at the 8 am Sunday Masses has produced a CD that is now available for download from the Music Ministries page of the Parish web site.
- Preliminary Planning for 2013-2014 PPC Selection Process:
Tom noted the following members' terms end this May: Barbara Biondo, Tom Burke, John Markiewicz, Tom Reynolds and Benoit Thibault. Fr. Peter will again

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place catechesis/instruction materials in the bulletin about the Parish Council in advance of the nomination process in May.

- Other: Sheila Doherty mentioned that she was approached about the lack of funeral parking in the Brooks St. parking lot. It was suggested that the Funeral Directors be asked to block off additional spaced in that lot if a large attendance is expected.
- Upcoming PPC Meeting Dates:
 - Thursday, April 4, 2013
 - Thursday, May 16, 2013
 - May 4-5 and 11-12, 2013 – Nominations for new members
 - Saturday, May 18, 2013 4PM Mass – Selection of new members
 - Saturday, June 1, 2013 – PPC 8 AM Mass and Transition Breakfast

Hail Mary, Petitions:

The meeting was closed with the Hail Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary