

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

September 11, 2014

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Fr. Peter Gori, Fr. Richard O’Leary, Deacon Lou Piazza, Sr. Madonna Kling, Barbara Biondo, Kathy George, William Green, Brad Heim, Pat Jennings, Eugenie Moffitt, Susan Ratyna, Paul Romano, Dana Rowland, Eileen Rullo, and Klara Vajda.

Absent: Greg Clements, Cindy Cookson, Erik Eldracher, Debra Falvey, Michelle Karlberg, Tom Rickenbacker, and Allyson Smith.

Opening Prayer: Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Minutes from May 8, 2014 Meeting: The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held May 8, 2014 were circulated via e-mail last spring to the PPC, accepted as presented and have been posted on the Parish’s website.

Fr. Peter distributed to the Council the Parish Pastoral Council Membership names for the 2014-2015 year and also the proposed schedule of meetings for the upcoming year.

Presentation on the New Evangelization: Fr. Peter introduced Sr. Madonna Kling, CDP, and noted she will periodically update the Council on the New Evangelization which is the heart of the Pastoral Plan.

Disciples in Mission (www.disciplesinmission.com) is the foundation of the Pastoral Plan for New Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Boston. Pastoral Planning is a critical tool in helping us understand our task today and work together to manage the resources available to meet the needs of the people of God. Eventually, all the 288 parishes in the Archdiocese will be grouped into 135 Pastoral Collaboratives. St. Augustine’s is designated to be linked with St. Robert’s; however, we still do not have a date when this will occur.

Sr. Madonna began her presentation by noting that one of the stated goals of St. Augustine Church’s Mission Statement is Evangelization. Sr. Madonna went through the evolution of Evangelization highlighting its beginnings in Scripture and the subsequent influences of Vatican II, Pope Paul VI, Pope Saint John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI. After the Council viewed a twenty minute DVD entitled New Evangelization – Evolution of Evangelization, small discussion groups were formed. Each group then discussed and summarized their findings for the other Council members.

Vice-Chairperson Position: Fr. Peter noted the Vice-Chairperson position for the Parish Pastoral Council is open. He summarized the duties of the Vice-Chair and invited everyone to think about volunteering for that position.

Calendar Review: Fr. Peter briefly went over the proposed calendar dates for the upcoming year. He noted that all proposed meetings are scheduled for Thursday evenings except the **November 12, 2014** meeting which is a **Wednesday**. Also, it was suggested that the May 14, 2015 meeting be reviewed as it is Ascension Thursday, and the Mass schedule may interfere with Council attendance.

St. Augustine School 100th Celebration Gala: Janie Moffitt updated the Council on the upcoming 100th Celebratory Gala to be held October 24, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Andover Country Club. Janie stated there will be announcement banners and lawn signs posted on Church property on Essex St. and also on Pearson St. Advertisement notices will be published in all local newspapers. Also, posters will be displayed at the neighboring Catholic churches. Council members were urged to spread the word about the upcoming Gala and also to attend this fun-filled night.

Pastor's Remarks:

- Personnel Update:
 - The Cardinal has assigned a new Permanent Deacon, Michael Curren, to our Parish upon his ordination.
 - St. Augustine's School has a new Assistant Principal, Meghan Lovett.
- Because of the success of the Family Festival honoring St. Augustine's Feast Day, it has been suggested to have the Festival yearly. A spin-off from the original Festival Committee is the newly formed Social Activity Committee for the Parish.

Other Business:

- Sr. Madonna noted a few of the upcoming activities emphasizing the New Evangelization:
 - Final Friday's is a series of discussion groups focused on Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel*.
 - Third Thursday's will have speakers and activities through the year.
 - Prayers during Lent, and many more activities are being formulated.
- Fr. Peter noted that parishioner and musician Brian Corcoran will be hosting Tours to Ireland through www.BrackTours.com in 2015. This may be of interest to the new Social Activity Committee for follow-up.

The meeting was closed with the Prayer for the New Evangelization “*Catholicism*”.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary