

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 12, 2014

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Fr. Peter Gori, Sr. Madonna Kling, Barbara Biondo, Cindy Cookson, Erik Eldracher, Debra Falvey, Kathy George, William Green, Brad Heim, Michelle Karlberg, Susan Ratyna, Tom Rickenbacker, Paul Romano, Dana Rowland, Allyson Smith and Klara Vajda.

Absent: Fr. Richard O’Leary, Deacon Michael Curren, Deacon Lou Piazza, Greg Clements, Pat Jennings, Eugenie Moffitt and Eileen Rullo.

Minutes from September 11, 2014 Meeting: The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held September 11, 2014 were circulated at the meeting, accepted as presented with one minor change and will be posted on the Parish’s website.

Fr. Peter noted that instead of the usual opening of the PPC meetings with the reflection on the Principles of St. Augustine, our focus and concentration this year and next year will be on the New Evangelization.

Opening Prayer: Abide, Spirit of Life.

Presentation on the New Evangelization: This month’s New Evangelization focus was on “Fresh Zeal, New Ardor.” As part of Sr. Madonna’s continuing presentation on the New Evangelization, she highlighted St. Augustine’s Parish Mission Statement encouraging the Council to consider how they might create opportunities for themselves that would increase their zeal for the mission. The Council then viewed Fr. Baron’s New Evangelization DVD. After forming small discussion groups, each group discussed and summarized their findings for the other Council members.

Vice-Chairperson Position: Paul Romano volunteered, and Fr. Peter accepted, Paul’s offer to assume the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Calendar Review:

Schedule of Meetings at 7pm:

- Saturday, January 10, 2015 PPC Social.
 - Paul Romano and a subcommittee to be named later will work on the details of this pot luck function to be held at the Center.
- Thursday, March 12, 2015
- Thursday, May 7, 2015

Sunday Mass Schedule Review and Consultation: Because of the shortage of priests and fluctuating Mass attendance, St. Augustine’s has had an on-going study of the Sunday Mass schedule.

After discussion, the Parish Pastoral Council unanimously supported the implementation of the following week-end Mass schedule:

- St. Augustine's:
 - Saturday, 4:00pm Mass;
 - Sunday, 8:00am Mass, 9:30am Mass, **11:30am Mass**,
(combining the 11:00 am and the 12:30pm Masses into one
11:30 am Mass – thus NO 12:30 Mass), and 5:30pm Mass.
- St. Joseph's – Sunday, 10:00am Mass.

Pastor's Remarks:

- Fr. Peter announced that the Cheverus Award recipient from our parish for this year is Anne Paradis. The Cheverus Award recognizes a layperson “who has served the parish well over an extended period of time and has served in a quiet, unassuming and perhaps unrecognized fashion.” Cardinal O’Malley started it as a yearly award in 2008 and parishes in the diocese take turns submitting nominees. The Awards Liturgy Prayer Service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston will be on November 23rd at 3 PM (arrival 2:30 PM). Plans are being made to assist with carpooling transportation if needed. Notice of this event will be placed in the bulletin.

Other Business:

- Fr. Peter updated the Council on Fr. Rich’s progress since his knee surgery. Fr. Rich is doing well and is expected back at the friary by end of week (11/14/14).
- Fr. Tony Burrascano, OSA, will be helping out at St. Augustine’s for several weeks while Fr. Rich continues his recuperation.
- Fr. Peter circulated Andover Townsman photos and articles on the 100th Celebration Gala for St. Augustine’s School and noted what a fun and successful event it was. He commented on what an outstanding job Eugenie Moffitt, Chairperson of the event, and all the committees did in organizing and coordinating the related events.
- The St. Augustine School Centennial Gym will be named the *James D. Doherty Centennial Gymnasium*.
- Cardinal Sean O’Malley will be at St. Augustine’s on December 5 both to bless the cornerstone of the new *James D. Doherty Centennial Gymnasium* and to celebrate First Friday services at St. Augustine.
- Newly elected Parish Pastoral Council members were requested to forward a photo of themselves to the office to be posted on the website.
- St. Augustine/St. Robert’s partnering is still anticipated to be approximately 3-5 years from now at the end of the collaborative pastoral planning cycle.

The meeting was closed with the Hail Mary.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary

Evangelization D VD=Fr. Baron’s New Evangelization, section on Resurrection
“other Business”??????????