

Church of Saint Eulalia
 Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - Minutes of Meeting
 June 3, 2015

Present: Father Jim Savage, Eva Arnott, Peter Bujwid, Brian Burke, Louise Cocuzzo, Maria Constantino, Kathy Creedon, Mary Deyst, Doran Donovan, Mark Earnest, Anna-Marie Ferraro, Carol Johnson, Tony Lockhart, Karen Marnik (APC Representative), Dolores Mullin, Joe Murphy, Frances Shawcross (St. Mary/St. Eulalia Collaborative Representative), Joan Sweeney, Raina Trilokekar, Bob Valeri, Charlie Vendice.

Absent: Frank Lombardo (St. Eulalia/St. Mary Collaborative Representative)

Opening Prayer: Dolores Mullin opened the meeting with a reflection on *Resistance Fantasies* by Diane Thiel.

PPC Election Results

All PPC members introduced themselves to one another and noted what term they were starting.

PPC Member	Year of Service	Comment
Arnott, Eva	Term Completed	After being a parishioner for the past 26 years, Eva is moving to Connecticut.
Peter Bujwid	Year 2	
Brian Burke	Term Completed	
Constantino, Maria	Year 4	
Creedon, Kathy	Year 2	
Deyst, Mary	Year 1	
Donovan, Doran	Year 2	
Earnest, Mark	Year 1	
Ferraro, Anna-Marie	Year 2	
Johnson, Carol	Year 3	
Lockhart, Tony	Year 2	
Mullin, Dolores	Term Completed	
Murphy, Joe	Year 3	
Sweeney, Joan	Year 1	
Trilokekar, Raina	Year 4	
Valeri, Bob	Term Completed	Bob is moving to New Hampshire
Vendice, Charlie	Year 1	
Marnik, Karen/APC	Year 1	Karen is a member of the Cardinal's Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC).

After the introductions, the present PPC vice chairperson, Carol Johnson, gave a brief explanation of the PPC's meeting format and procedures. Each meeting opens with a prayer or reflection given by a PPC member. A sign-up sheet is circulated to request volunteers to do this. Carol will e-mail each new PPC member a copy of the PPC Constitution which they should become familiar with. Roberts' Rules of Order

are followed in conducting meetings. Meeting notices, agenda and the previous month's minutes of meeting are e-mailed prior to each meeting date. The minutes of meeting from the prior month's meeting are posted to St. Eulalia's website once they have been approved by PPC members. A list of meeting dates will be provided at PPC's September meeting. Generally, meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month. There are no PPC meetings in December, July and August.

Election of PPC Vice and Assistant Vice Chairperson

Bob Valeri, the current assistant vice chairperson, took command of the election of the vice and assistant vice chairperson for the 2015 – 2016 term. Nominations were first sought for the office of vice chairperson. Carol Johnson was the only nominee but elections were held regardless in case of write-ins. Carol Johnson was elected. Nominations for the office of assistant vice chairperson were then sought. Three names were put forth: Doran Donovan, Mark Earnest and Raina Trilokekar. Doran Donovan and Mark Ernest were nominated. Doran Donovan was elected as the new assistant vice chairperson.

Minutes of Meeting:

The May 13, 2015 PPC Minutes were accepted as corrected. The corrections were as follows: 1) On the last line of page 1 under Evangelization Committee, the word "ran" should be corrected to read "run"; 2) On the second line of the first paragraph on page 2, the word "a" should be inserted between the words "give" and "report"; 3) Under Collaboration Committee on page 2 paragraph 3, Father "McKeown" should read Father "McGowan"; 4) On page 2 under Liturgy Committee, the word "still" near the end of the third line in paragraph 3 should be removed; 5) On page 2 under Finance Committee, paragraph 2 line 2, the number "1,304" should be changed to read "134"; 6) On page 3 under Election Committee the second to the last line, the name of Raina Trilokekar should be added to reflect that she too would be counting election ballots; 7) On page 3 under Other Business paragraph 1 the word "need" on line 1 should be corrected to read "needed"; 8) On page 4 under Pastor Update the word "a" before "rental agreement" in the last bulleted item in paragraph 2 should be replaced with the word "the"; 9) Under Pastor Update, on page 4 the word "was" should be inserted between the words "it" and "unlikely" on the first line after the first bulleted items; 10) Under Pastor Update on page 4 in the second bulleted section, bullet 3 the word "say" should be corrected to read "stay"; 11) On page 5 line 2, the word "that" should be inserted between the word "agreement" and the word "the."

Pastor Update

Father Jim has not heard anything as yet on the "white house" rental by the LaSalette Fathers. The provincial has been away on vacation.

All dates for the major events for the parish's Fiftieth Anniversary celebration have been locked in. The following is a partial timeline of events:

- January Bishop Uglietto will say Mass to commemorate the actual opening of the parish.
- April/May The parish trip to Lourdes and Barcelona will take place
A family activity, as yet to be determined, will take place
Speaker series comparing "then to now" will commence with James Martin, S.J. via Skype
- October The Cardinal will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary Mass
Anniversary Gala at the Café Escadrille
- November A fashion show will take place featuring fashions "then and now."

The following are some of the many activities that will be going on during the anniversary year:

- The anniversary Social Justice Committee is working on connecting the parish with a mission in a foreign country to help them build a chapel.
- There will be a special project with St. Matthew's Food Pantry involving some healthy, fresh produce.
- There will be an anniversary book featuring all the pictures from the various anniversary activities.
- There is a committee working on the parish's history.
- The theme of hospitality will prevail throughout all the festivities.

Father Jim sought input from PPC members on a proposal to incorporate the existing Risen Christ with a cross. Theologically, no one can come to Resurrection except through the cross. A sketch as to how the risen Christ mounted to a cross might look was presented. Some of the discussion points were:

- The risen Christ was not part of the original church. It came into being when Father Haddad renovated the church.
- St. Eulalia is known for its risen Christ.
- Christ did not rise on the cross; therefore, the risen Christ should not be on the cross. There is an example in the parish office of the risen Christ on the cross.
- The sacrifice of the cross is the gift of Jesus' will to the Father, not blood.
- Perhaps the risen Christ could be placed somewhere else in the church and a crucified Christ placed behind the altar. A point was made that the risen Christ has hung where it now is since Father Haddad's time.
- A suggestion was made for two crosses to be placed in the church, one with the risen Christ and one with the crucified Christ.
- The risen Christ mounted on a cross would need to fit within the ceiling and the organ.

A suggestion was made that Father ask the parish for their input. Father Jim was in agreement with that but thought that a thorough explanation of the theology of the cross should be provided before parishioners made a decision. The explanation could be written and placed in the bulletin or explained from the altar. The suggestion box could be used for responses.

Committee Updates

Hospitality Committee. This committee is getting plenty of volunteers to help with the *Sunday Coffee and Conversation* event after the 11 a.m. Mass. The next one will be on June 14. Presently under discussion is what to do for July and August. They are thinking about serving lemonade after at least some of the Masses.

Evangelization Committee. Peter Pongratz and Raina Trilokekar will be taking over as co-chairpersons of this committee as Paul Kenrick, the present chairperson, will be moving to the midwest. Before Paul left it was decided that the PPC should now organize for town days. Mark Ernest and Charlie Vendice will be in charge of organizing Arlington's town day in September and should contact Paul Kenrick to consult.

The Religious Education Speaker Series will continue this fall with speaker dates already in place for October and November. This series will not interfere with the anniversary speaker series.

Collaboration Committee. Fran Shawcross asked that we all keep Frank Lombardo in our prayers as he is not doing well.

The Winchester Town Day event was very successful and had a huge number of volunteers who helped. Another shared Healing Mass is being planned for the fall. Peter Bujwid, who maintains St. Eulalia's website, has put a link to St. Mary's website on ours.

There will be a collaborative informational meeting on Sunday, September 27, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. The speakers will be Sister Patricia Burke and Father Paul Soper from the Office of Pastoral Planning. This meeting is for pastors, pastoral associates, PPC members, finance council members, staff and operation managers of both parishes.

Liturgy. There will be two processions for the Feast of Corpus Christi. One will be held in the church following the 11 a.m. Mass and the other to Wright Locke Farm following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Christopher Bannon, Victoria Hain, and Renee Zahigian are this year's recipients of the Father Tom Nestor Scholarship to be presented at the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, June 28.

Finance Council. OSR pledge comparison of this year to last is not yet available. It is not yet possible to integrate the online giving figures with the OSR pledge system report. This problem will hopefully be resolved soon.

A review of income vs. expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 indicates we will probably end in a slightly positive position.

The budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2015 was developed, producing an approximate break-even situation.

Catholic Appeal update: pledges total \$80, 650, 89% of our \$90, 931 goal from 261 donors, 78% of our 336 donor goal. One hundred thirty-four donors from last year have not pledged. A reminder notice will be placed in the bulletin in order to encourage more participation.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Report. Karen Marnik reported that APC had a great meeting last Wednesday. The next scheduled meeting will be the Thursday after Labor Day, September 3. Cardinal Sean will be traveling with Pope Francis to Cuba and also accompanying him on his visit to the United States.

Father Matt Williams presented to the APC at the last meeting. He runs the office of Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults for the archdiocese. He talked about the events that all young people at all parishes are welcome to attend and Karen sent his presentation to Donna DiFonzo. A very important part of Father Matt's presentation was reminding all that vocations are a key part of Disciples in Mission, particularly vocations to the priesthood. He said that most priests in their 30's and 40's will tell you that their call to the priesthood was influenced by attending major events like World Youth Day. He was encouraging APC members to make sure our parishes make these events known to our young people.

Kathy Mears also presented. She is the new Superintendent for Catholic Schools. Karen found the most interesting part of her presentation to be when she said that when you take the pro-life stance, you need to support parents down the line who have children with both physical and mental special needs—be it autism, Down's syndrome. Kathy really wants Catholic schools to support that population.

Cardinal Sean is convening a committee to do a project in honor of the Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis is starting in December. He said he wants the project to focus on the most vulnerable and marginalized people—specifically the homeless, the mentally ill and those in prison. Cardinal Sean said that Father

Jonathan Gasbar just agreed to chair the committee and that he would like APC representation in the group that is going to be doing this work. Karen indicated that she would be thrilled to be considered. Father Gaspar has her name. Cardinal Sean in his remarks hoped that the Jubilee Year of Mercy will include focus on mercy for the separated and divorced.

Other Business

The date of the Fall Festival has been tentatively set for Sunday, September 13, following the 11 a.m. Mass. The date for the PPC barbeque has been set for Wednesday, July 15, at 6 p.m. at the “white house.”

It was suggested that the color of paper on the OSR boxes be changed from pink to white and perhaps the color paper should be changed according to the seasons of the year. “Place offertory here. Thank You” was offered as the signage for the OSR boxes. Kathy Creedon would speak to Laura about the signage.

Parishioner Comments/Concerns

The following comments were obtained:

- One parishioner wondered why the PPC ballots were so scarce.
- People who were late for Mass either didn’t get ballots or got them late.
- Why couldn’t the people who had the ballots make them available after Mass?
- Why couldn’t the ballots be mailed to parishioners? Response: It would be too expensive.

Carol Johnson, the PPC vice chairperson, expressed her appreciation for all the work done by PPC members this past year. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Connell
PPC Secretary