

Church of Saint Eulalia
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - Minutes of Meeting
May 13, 2015

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

Absent: Joe Murphy

Opening Prayer: Raina Trilokekar opened the meeting with a reflection attributed to Blessed Mother Teresa.

Minutes of Meeting: The April 15, 2015 PPC Minutes were accepted as corrected. The corrections were as follows: 1) On page 1 under Pastor Update bullet 6, the word “use” should be corrected to read “used”; 2) On page 2 under Hospitality Committee, the word “purchases” on the next to the last line should be changed to “purchased.”

Committee Updates

Hospitality Committee. The ice cream social was a very successful event with over 90 people attending. The cost for the event was \$130.

The attendance for this month’s *Coffee and Conversation* gathering was disappointing; approximately 25 people attended. The reduced number was thought to be because it was Mother’s Day. This usually very successful activity will continue to run during the summer months. Volunteers have already been recruited. Whole Foods will continue for at least another month to supply the baked goods.

A suggestion was made to have a lemonade stand outside of church at least at one of the Masses and perhaps all Masses excluding the 7:30 a.m. Mass during the summer. As a usually large number of parishioners have stopped at the lemonade stand in prior years, it was thought a good way to show our parish’s fellowship as cars pass by the church. The lemonade stand would not require a lot of work as just pitchers of lemonade or punch bowls of lemonade could be brought from Manion Hall. The Hospitality Committee will discuss the possibility of doing this at their next meeting.

The Hospitality chairperson announced that the committee would be willing to take over the running of the parish’s Fall Festival. A separate budget would have to be developed for this undertaking. There was unanimous agreement that the Hospitality Committee should take this event over from the PPC. There were no concerns raised. PPC members would still serve as volunteers for the event.

Evangelization Committee. There was no update this month. Paul Kenrick, the chairperson of this committee, will report at the June meeting. PPC’s vice chairperson reported that she submitted some names to the chairperson of this committee so that the committee could personally invite them to participate in its work. Some of the names submitted were those who had previously run for PPC but

who were not elected. Newly elected PPC members will be present when this committee's chairperson gives a report in June. It is hoped that some may be interested in working on this committee. Father Jim is not overly concerned if there is not a chairperson for the committee as we all, the entire parish, own evangelization. Everything we do is an opportunity to evangelize.

It was noted that Arlington Town Day, the work of this committee, needs to be organized. It was thought that perhaps St. Mary's could help with that as both parishes collaborate on the Winchester Town Day booth.

Collaboration Committee. St. Eulalia and St. Mary's have solidified plans, including a permit, for a booth at Winchester Town Day which will take place on June 6. Both parishes will share the expense.

On Sunday, September 27, at 7 p.m. there will be a combined PPC meeting of both parishes. It is not known at this time as to whether it will take place at St. Eulalia's or St. Mary's. St. Eulalia's vice chairperson will investigate whether former members of both parish councils should attend. Also to be decided is whether PFC members should attend. It is now known that the St. Eulalia/St. Mary Collaborative will **not** be formed in 2016. By 2019 all collaboratives will have been formed.

Father Beaulieu has been named administrator of St. Mary's. An administrator is a temporary position which can be terminated at any time. Father Messina has agreed to help out on the weekends and Father McGowan, a Jesuit teaching at Boston College, will continue to say the 6:45 a.m. daily Mass. The Thursday Mass may be eliminated.

Liturgy Committee. On May 31 after the 11 a.m. Mass the Wayside Shrine will be blessed and dedicated in memory of Edmond Bandar. The Hospitality Committee will host a collation after the dedication, paid for by the Bandar family.

May 24 is the feast of Pentecost. As in prior years, the readings will be read in two foreign languages as well as in English. Peter Bujwid thought his daughter Elizabeth would be interested in reading in Chinese and Eva Arnott volunteered to read in German.

This year there will be three recipients of the Father Tom Nestor Scholarship, each award valued at \$1,000. The names will be published in the bulletin when all arrangements have been finalized. Father Tom will be present to award these scholarships at the 5 p.m. Mass, the date to be determined. People continue to give to this scholarship fund and that is why three scholarships can be given when the recipients all qualify. It was suggested that in future years the scholarship should be awarded at the 9 a.m. Mass so that families can be made aware of the scholarship. The primary criteria for this scholarship is service to the parish. The monetary award is claimed when a student shows acceptance to any college, public or private or to any tuition based high school.

Finance Council. No OSR update is available.

Catholic Appeal results to date are \$78,695 dollars pledged, which is 87% of our goal of \$90,931 from 246 donors, 73% of our donor goal of 336. There are 134 contributors from last year who have not yet participated this year. A list of donors is available to Anna-Marie Ferraro, Chairperson of the Catholic Appeal, Father Jim and the parish's business manager.

Election Committee. For the PPC election on May 30/31, one lead person is needed for each Mass to coordinate the effort. If a PPC member's name is not on the ballot, then they can help. Ballots will be handed out as people arrive at Mass. The twelve nominees are: Mary Bannon, Mimi Black, Mary Deyst, Doran Donovan, Mark Earnest, Adele Hamblett, Carol Johnson, Claire McKenna, Dolores Mullin, Joseph Murphy, Joan Sweeney and Charles Vendice. The following will act as the lead at each of the following Masses:

- 4:00 p.m.—Elizabeth Bujwid (needs to be confirmed)
- 7:30 a.m.—Bob Valeri (needs to be confirmed)
- 9:00 a.m.—Raina Trilokekar
- 11:00 a.m.—Anna-Marie Ferraro
- 5:00 p.m.—Anna-Marie Ferraro

The ballots will be counted by Maria Constantino and Anna-Marie Ferraro and Raina Trilokekar. Two or three other volunteers are needed to help count the ballots.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Report. May 27 is the next meeting date for APC. At this time the agenda is not available.

Bishop Kennedy offers training in evangelization for APC members and our representative is interested in partaking in this training when it becomes available again.

A PPC member wanted our APC representative to pass along to Cardinal Sean that she very much liked the readings from St. Paul and asked if it would be possible to substitute epistle readings in place of Old Testament readings. It was pointed out that there is a connection between Old Testament readings and the gospel readings.

Other Business

Eva Arnott is moving. A volunteer is needed to fulfill two of her volunteer responsibilities: 1) To check the local newspapers for newcomers who would be in the parish and send them a copy of the church bulletin with a welcome note by Father Jim stuck to it. Addresses would have to be obtained. Currently there are approximately three a week. Anna-Marie Ferraro volunteered to assume responsibility of this evangelization activity; 2) A person is needed to collect the suggestions from the suggestion box in the foyer of the church prior to each PPC meeting and bring them to the PPC meeting or give to the PPC vice chairperson to bring to the meeting. Kathy Creedon agreed to take responsibility for this and to be the keeper of the key.

The June PPC meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, has been changed to Wednesday, June 3. Dolores Mullin will say the opening prayer.

Parishioner Comments/Concerns

The following comments were obtained:

- A parishioner is unhappy that the cars from Lexington Toyota were parked in the area adjacent to the Haddad Center. Response: The cars were moved to make space for the movie crew rental. Handicapped spaces were not affected. Since the rental was for only three days, the cars

belonging to Toyota will be moved back to the outer perimeter of the parking lot. Toyota also rents this space.

- Another parishioner would like more music.
- Yet another would like to see more fund raisers.
- A question was raised as to when the carpet in the church will be replaced. Response: The cost of replacing the carpet was not covered in the renovation project. It is hoped that it can be completed for the 50th anniversary celebration.
- It was reported that the lines for confession at Divine Mercy Sunday were disorganized with people cutting the line.

Pastor Update. The staff participated in a team building session which they found to be very beneficial.

Father Higgins, who frequently says Mass at St. Eulalia, mentioned that the LaSalette provincial who currently resides in Winchester on Washington Street, was looking for another rental for himself and two other priests. He liked the “white house.” Father Jim doesn’t mind moving back to what was the former rectory, now the parish office, because he feels the “white house” is expensive to run for one person. Father Jim sees the following advantages to renting out the “white house” to the LaSalette fathers:

- It would provide a clerical presence on the property and having more priests would be more advantageous for Father Jim and the parish.
- The rental would be a source of income with no expense attached.
- Father Jim would live a more simplified life and thus be more comfortable in asking parishioners to give to OSR.
- St. Eulalia would still own the “white house” and could claim it once the rental agreement was terminated.

Father Jim thought that it was unlikely that the “white house” would be used when the collaborative is formed. If the “white house” were rented, Father Jim would move into a suite of rooms on the second floor of the parish office building. A wall and door would need to be installed to make up his private quarters and work space. The regional vicar had no issue with this undertaking. The staff also had no issue with this except to say that no children should be allowed on the second floor. The parish finance council also had no issue with this undertaking. Discussion centered around the following points:

- Would there be space for current staff if the parish office accommodations were made for his private quarters? Yes.
- How long would the rental lease be for? Probably a year at a time. The house would be rented as is with furnishings included.
- There would be no place for a visiting priest to stay. Perhaps the LaSalette fathers could accommodate a visiting priest at the “white house.”
- PPC members thought parishioners would be ok with the plan.
- The LaSalette provincial is up for re-election in October. If a different provincial were elected, he may not want to reside in Massachusetts. There will be a straw vote taken in June which will give us some indication of whether this provincial will be re-elected.
- It would be easiest if the renovations for Father Jim’s private quarters could be done in the summer months. A definite commitment would be needed before renovations could take place.
- It is hoped that the LaSalette fathers would help out with the Masses and be a part of the parish community. The precipitating reason for the rental is to have priests on campus to help.

- A realtor appraised rental income for the “white house” to be somewhere between \$4,200 and \$4,300 a month. We would negotiate a much lower rent with the agreement that the LaSalette fathers would help with Masses. The pastor is not the one responsible to set the price of the rental.
- The parish would be responsible to plow the driveway. It is hoped that we will hire a full-time custodian and this would be his responsibility.

PPC gave its unanimous support to Father Jim for this project. As far as PPC could determine, they thought the parishioners would be ok with this and perceive it to be a way to help with finances.

Father Jim and PPC send their best regards to Father Beaulieu, the newly appointed administrator for St. Mary's.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Connell
PPC Secretary