

Church of Saint Eulalia
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - Minutes of Meeting
September 13, 2017

Present: Father Jim Savage, Jessica Callaghan, Louise Cocuzzo, Kathy Creedon, Chris DeCaro, Mary Deyst, Doran Donovan, Anna-Marie Ferraro, Adele Hamblett, Clare Keane, Tony Lockhart, Claire McKenna, John Pescatore, Joan Sweeney

Absent: Brian Burke, Mike Pescatore

Opening Prayer. Kathy Creedon led the PPC in a prayer entitled **As the Sunflower Seeks Out the Light. . .**

Re-introduction. PPC's Vice Chairperson asked that we all re-introduce ourselves and say something about ourselves that others may not know.

Organizational Notes. The Vice Chairperson reviewed PPC's meeting format stating that the meetings always open with a prayer led by a PPC member and that we loosely follow "Robert's Rules of Order." The Vice Chairperson strongly encouraged everyone to participate in PPC discussions. A copy of St. Eulalia's Constitution and the Archdiocesan guidelines for PPCs were distributed prior to the meeting via email.

PPC Blessing/Installation. At the start of each new year, PPC members are blessed/installed by the pastor at one of the weekend Masses. PPC members were asked for Mass preferences and a quick survey was done as to what Masses membership generally attend. It was decided that the blessing/installation would be conducted at both the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass on September 23 and the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, September 24. A question was raised as to whether there would be a bulletin insert containing PPC members' contact information and meeting dates in the blessing/installation weekend bulletin of September 23/24. The response was that the insert was being worked on and it was hoped it would be available for that weekend.

Minutes of Meeting. The June 14, 2017 PPC minutes were accepted as corrected. The correction to be made appears on page 2. The side heading, *Resisting Happiness, Matthew Kelly's Book* should be removed. The title of the book should be changed to Rediscovering Jesus and both the title and author's name should be worked into the paragraph that discusses the talk on the book.

Pastor Update. Father Jim reported that it was a very busy summer with the work being done in the church and the work that had to be done in the parish center due to a flood that occurred in July. There was also some work that was completed on the Statue of Fatima shrine and to the lights and refrigerator in Manion Hall.

Father Jim emphasized how valuable it was to him to have feedback from PPC on what concerns parishioners had.

It was announced by Father that we would be having an adult education speaker series with the theme of "building bridges." There would be three sessions:

- Building a Bridge between Islam and Catholicism to be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.
- Building a Bridge between Judaism and Catholicism to be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m.
- Building a Bridge with the Homeless to be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, September 30, (Respect Life Weekend) Father Peter Gyves, S.J. will say the 4 p.m. Mass and give the church's perspective on the immigration issue.

Father Jim sought input from PPC members on how to proceed with collaboration with St. Mary's. He wondered if it would be helpful for both PPCs to meet and if so should Father Paul Soper, Cabinet Secretary for the

Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship be invited. After much discussion, it was decided that Father Jim would contact the administrator for St. Mary's, Father Bova Conti, and seek his input.

PPC Constitution Review. The assistant vice chairperson of PPC has taken responsibility for edits to St. Eulalia's PPC Constitution. Among some of the changes needed are:

- The constitution needs to reflect the creation of "categories" to the election process.
- The provision for two teen members needs to be included.
- Voting issues surrounding the election of vice and assistant chairpersons need to be addressed.

PPC members were asked to submit in writing any edits they may have in regards to updating the constitution to the assistant vice chairperson via e-mail. The assistant vice chairperson will bring these edits before the PPC at the October meeting and a vote will be taken as to whether to accept them.

Sub Committee Reports

Finance. OSR pledges from 611 donors total \$774,600, compared to 718 donors and \$814,000 last year. There is an ongoing problem in identifying the number of pledges from online donors, so the number of donors is probably higher than 611.

The fiscal year annual report that will be sent with the OSR packet in November will indicate a slight net operating gain. The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

While this report shows operating income and expenses, it will also include a notation regarding the capital expenditures for the church renovation of approximately \$215,000.

Our estimated Catholic Appeal rebate is \$30,750.

The response given to the question regarding the expenses incurred to the Haddad Center due to flooding in July was that they will be covered by insurance.

Liturgy. The following events will be taking place:

- The *Blessing of the Animals* on October 1 at 1 p.m. in the church parking lot
- Meeting Christ in Prayer; no date has been set as yet
- Centering Prayer, expected to be offered during Advent

There may be a candidate for RCIA this year.

Other Business

Arlington Town Day. Mark Earnest is organizing this year's Arlington Town Day which will be held on Saturday, September 16. Lemonade will be served. It would be helpful if some PPC members could relieve others working in the booth.

Fall Festival. Our Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, September 17. There were two organizational meetings held this summer and one on September 13. This year's theme will center around sports—FAN-tastic Fall Festival was the name coined. All events will be outside this year. There will be fabulous foods, a petting zoo, pony rides and games for all ages. Winchester's high school cheerleaders will make an appearance. Volunteers are needed and should check in with Doran Donovan at 8:30 a.m. PPC members were asked to bring a nut-free dessert.

Inquiry. A PPC member inquired as to whom would be organizing the Catholic Heart Work Camp this year as the registration deadline was approaching. Father Jim said that he would look into the matter.

Comments and Concerns

There were no comments or concerns expressed after the liturgies this past Sunday. Claire McKenna has volunteered to be responsible for checking the “suggestion box” and reporting any suggestions to PPC.

Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Connell, PPC Secretary