

**St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2011
7:00 pm, Parish Library**

Present:

Anne Bleistine
John Blowers
Marilyn D'Andrea-Spica
Brian Eltz
Fr. Leo Goodman
Chris Masterson
John O'Brien
Heather O'Brien
Alan Pawlikowski

Don Peris
Rick Poillon
Steve Sacco
Terry Warco
Mathew Weitzel
Fran Sescilla
Anne Barnes
Joe Clupp
Tina Skubon

Excused:

Sharon Walker

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order by Terry Warco at 7:00pm. There was a scriptural reading of Mark 1:1-8, followed by open discussion of the Question of the Week: "Why do you think so many people followed John and repented of their sins? Would you have?"

Chair Remarks:

At this time Terry Warco reviewed members excused from the meeting.

Mission Reports:

Pastoral – report submitted.

No concerns were addressed.

Education – report submitted.

No concerns were addressed.

Evangelization – no report submitted.

See approval of minutes for concerns.

Ecumenism –no report submitted.

No concerns were addressed.

Social Justice and Welfare – report submitted.

No concerns were addressed.

Liturgy – report submitted.

No concerns were addressed.

Family Life - report submitted.

No concerns were addressed.

Approval of Minutes:

At this time minutes from the November 3rd meeting were reviewed. Fran Sescilla and Tina Skubon said they did not receive the minutes or ministry reports. Heather O'Brien said she would send them out again. Terry Warco inquired about the Evangelization report and John Blowers stated that he has not been getting many responses from ministry heads and has not heard anything from Tim Quigley regarding RCIA. Steve Sacco volunteered to contact him through work. Alan Pawlikowski then made a motion, seconded by Mathew Weitzel, to approve the November 3rd meeting minutes. After a chance for all to be heard, this motion was unanimously passed by the council.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Leo stated that in regards to the New Roman Missal he has been talking with other priests in the area and there is lots of positive feedback: parishioners are falling in love with it. He stated that the Lancaster County CTC is renting two rooms in the school building and have begun classes today and hopes this will help offset some of the building's heating costs. He reminded council members that the "Rediscovering Catholicism" books will be handed out to parishioners at Mass in December.

Old Business:

Small Group Social Gatherings:

Terry Warco reviewed the progress that was made to the social gatherings website, since Kathy Setlock was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He asked council members to take a look at the website and to share all feedback with Kathy and all PPC members. They are looking to launch the website in January.

Action Committee Reports:

Brian Eltz gave the council an update on adult education, reviewing his skeleton outline and his sample sessions set up as "semesters". He provided a sample calendar and various categories for education and the types of instructors that may be needed.

Campus Plan:

Terry Warco asked council members for feedback in regards to any suggestions, comments, or questions that were raised from parishioners after the town hall meetings so he can take it back to the next Preservation and Development Committee meeting.

At this time there was open discussion of the campus plans by all council members. In general, members discussed creating a "hybrid" plan combining plans A and B, concerns with safety exiting and entering on Beaver Street, making the entrance on plan B wider to accommodate two cars at the same time, having designated rooms and storage space for specific ministries, accessibility of emergency vehicles to the courtyard and back of the church, having an additional elevator for greater handicap accessibility, ongoing considerations for parking spaces, the possibility of creating a driving loop around the rectory to the courtyard, and accessibility through the funeral home and possibility shared parking spaces with them. Council members were reminded that these plans are conceptual and are only covering the basics and overall "feel"

of the project. Once a plan is decided on, details will be worked out at a later time with more town hall meetings. Council members shared the comments they heard from parishioners and stated that they only heard a few negative remarks regarding the project, and that the majority favor plan B.

LCBC Worship Center:

At this time there was open discussion on the LCBC center and the reasons why Catholics may come back to the Church after attending LCBC, or why they may leave the church for this kind of assembly. Council members shared their feelings towards LCBC and feedback they have heard from friends that attend there. A decision was made to pray about it more and to be consistent in what we are doing now as a church.

New Business:

Devotions Education:

At this time Brian Eltz discussed extra liturgical prayer and how to tie it into adult education. He circulated a handout of novenas and Marion feast days for council members to review. He stated that these could be done on a private level and encouraged by the parish. It could also be tied in to the social gatherings website for people to gather and pray together. He talked about having a small group of parishioners to decide which ones to celebrate or focus on, and to put together information for education and advertisement. Steve Sacco, Chris Masterson, and Terry Warco volunteered to help with this project. Steve Sacco made a motion, seconded by Anne Barnes, to let Brian and the group of volunteers move forward with the development of Devotions promotion and education.

Acknowledgements:

Terry Warco thanked council members for the feedback regarding the campus plans. He also thanked Brian Eltz for all of his hard work and participation at council meetings. Father Leo thanked Don Peris for all of his efforts in preparing for the changes of the New Roman Missal. Don acknowledged that Eileen Schubert is stepping down as chair of the Extraordinary Ministers after 17 years and that Millie Rodriguez will be the new chair. Rick Poillon added that he wanted to acknowledge council members for their willingness to share their thoughts and ideas during meetings, as they are very inspirational.

Terry Warco handed out a calendar outlining important dates for the rest of 2011 and 2012.

At 9:05pm a motion was made by Brian Eltz, seconded by Steve Sacco, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was unanimously passed by the council. Father Leo closed the meeting with a prayer.