

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
June 14, 2011

PRESENT: Msgr. Barton, Bob Brunner, Lora Dinardo, Paul Dinardo, Dale Feltes, Clare Gloria, Gretchen Hardy, Deacon Gary Harmeyer, Mark Keegan, Megan Lombard, Mary Ann Menoche, Roger Morgan, Carolyn Rye, Marie Sexton, Erin Sherwood, Dot Traub, Vanessa Valldejuli, John Wiersch, Jack Wood

I. Opening Prayer Marie Sexton led us in an opening prayer and meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

II. Administrative Items

A. Introduction of New Members: Lora Dinardo, Mark Keegan and Jack Wood were introduced and welcomed as new members of the Pastoral Council.

B. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved as amended by consensus.

C. Finance Council Report (Paul Dinardo): YTD-still behind approx. \$25,000 from last year. Based on the Financial Statements as of the end of May and because the Church did a good job budgeting, we will close out on June 30th ahead of budget. With pledges and cash, based on what we owe, the parish is debt-free because of the Parable Project, Capital Campaign and Pledges. There are no current obligations in excess of committed funds. Funding still needs to be raised for the numerous other projects that need improvements/repairs.

III. Old Business

A. Capital Campaign Update: The June 5th Brunch was a success and as a result, \$25,000 was received in pledges and about \$114,000 after the event. The next event will happen sometime in August/September. A meeting is scheduled with Fr. Jun in August to discuss strategy and things to be accomplished. Next Brunch is scheduled for September 18 – a week before the Fall Festival. A poster will be placed in the Vestibule with bricks – each brick will have the name of a person or family who makes a pledged – no dollar amount limit. Hope to have campaign notices in the Bulletin every two weeks during the summer.

B. Update on Reception for Father Jun: Receptions are scheduled for weekend of July 2-3. Still need 16 volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be posted after all masses. Wine and beer will be served after the 5:30 mass and Mimosas and Bloody Marys after the 11:00 a.m.

C. Diocesan Appeal FY 2012: Jack Wood has volunteered to be the Chairperson this year. Need two 1st Lieutenants to assist Jack. Erin Sherwood has volunteered – we still need one more volunteer. Appeal Schedule: *September*-Appeal supplies should arrive at parishes; *Early October*-“In Pew Cards” envelopes; *End of October*-“In Pew” follow-up envelopes. Goal for this year will probably be increased from last year’s goal of \$25,000.

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IV. New Business

- A. Presentation of New Members: Presentation of New Members and Young Guardes will be introduced to the Parish at all masses the weekend of June 18-19. Current Council Members are invited to be present also.
- B. Selection of New Officers for FY 2012: Vanessa Valledeljuli accepted the nomination as Chair and Roger Morgan accepted the nomination as Co-Chair.
- C. Council/Staff Working Retreat: Plans for the Retreat is tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in August. At-Large and Young Guardes Council members are to advise Vanessa of their available dates. Deacon Gary will speak with Fr. Jun for his input.
- D. Distribution of Jubilee Fund: The Jubilee Fund was established in 2000. The Fund is set by a certain percentage of our various “fun”draising events. Committee members including Msgr. Barton, chose which missions will receive a distribution. Listed below are the domestic and foreign missions that received contributions:

Proposed Jubilee Fund Distribution – 2011				
6/2/2011				
Fund Balance Before Distribution:				\$16,474
Proposed Distribution				\$15,000
1.	St. Mary’s Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya		\$2,000	
2.	St. Mary’s School, Nairobi, Kenya		\$2,000	
3.	Helping Hands for Honduras		\$1,500	
4.	Catholic Charities, Springfield, MO-Joplin Relief		\$5,000	
5.	Domestic Missions:			
a.	St. Joseph’s Church, Clintwood, VA	\$1,500		
b.	Campus Ministry, JMU	\$1,000		
c.	Campus Ministry, Virginia Tech	\$1,000		
d.	St. Edward’s Church, Pulaski, VA	\$500		
e.	St. Joseph’s Church, Woodlawn, VA	\$500		
	<i>Subtotals:</i>	\$4,500	\$10,500	
TOTAL PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION				\$15,000
Fund Balance After Distribution:				\$1,474

- E. “Soul Surfer” Video Project: The movie “Soul Surfer” will be shown in the Social Hall at St. Nicholas on Saturday evening, August 12 – the exact time is still to be determined. All are welcomed – kids, friends, family. It’s a wonderful opportunity for the kids of our parish to invite their friends to see what’s happening in their church. Announcements will be in the bulletin and made from the pulpit. Many thanks to Erin Sherwood who was able to obtain a copy of this wonderful movie.
- F. Council Reflection on Accomplishments & Opportunities for Improvement:
- i) Accomplishments:
- (1) *Parish Life being more active and encouraging more parishioners to get involved;*

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- (2) *Current success of the Capital Campaign;*
 - (3) *Council being more active than in past year, its strong leadership and becoming more visible to the Parish;*
 - (4) *Young Guard members on Council;*
 - (5) *Green Envelopes;*
 - (6) *Council Mission Statement.*
- ii) Opportunities for Improvement:
- (1) Better voting mechanism;
 - (2) More explanation of Agenda items;
 - (3) Keep Ecumenism active in the Parish;
 - (4) Communication & Technology: look at different modes of communication, upgrade, etc.; more communication in getting the word out on parish activities and events; connect our social activities better; inspire fellow parishioners to volunteer;
 - (5) Integration of committee actions and do a better job of seeking out or engaging the less engaged portion of the Parish;
 - (6) More Council member involvement in events/activities in the Parish;
 - (7) Encourage more parishioners to contribute electronically.

V. Report Highlights

A. Administration Committee (John Wiersch):

- i) *Building & Grounds:* Out of the 15 projects on our list, 4 have been completed. No new projects will be started until funding is available. The next project will probably be to repair the molding issue which is starting to decay certain areas of the building. Two new members have joined the committee: a mechanical engineer and one involved in real estate.
- ii) *Green Envelopes:* May generated \$4,980; June roughly \$2,900 so far. Currently, 200 families returning envelopes.
- iii) *Ways & Means:* Golf outing generated a total of \$11,500. Next year's outing will be May 10, 2012 and Broad Bay Country Club.
- iv) *Fall Festival:* Saturday, September 24th; Tent Sale will begin on Friday, September 23rd, continue on Saturday the 24th and after all masses on Sunday the 25th.

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B. Christian Formation Committee (Carolyn Rye):

- i) *Lending Library* - So as not to interfere with the Capital Campaign, the Wish List booklets James put together for the Library will be handed out in the Fall – the average price per item is approx. \$15.
- ii) *Lenten Retreats* – Since attendance has dropped dramatically in past couple of years, thoughts are to have a shorter retreat – instead of 4 nights maybe focus on 1 or 2 nights.

C. Ecumenism Committee (Dot Traub): There will be a Tidewater Regional LARCUM conference on June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Holy Apostles. Rev. C. Marcus Engdahl, a retired Lutheran minister, is an excellent speaker and will be in attendance. The theme for the evening will be “Ecumenism: Are We Much Farther Along?”

D. Liturgy (Dot Traub): Next meeting will be June 28. There are 4 new EM coordinators bringing the total to 12 now for all three masses. Changes are anticipated when Fr. Jun arrives.

E. Justice and Peace (Mary Ann Menoche):

Just Seniors – gave a wonderful sendoff luncheon for Msgr. Barton today. One of the surprise guests was Marilyn Monroe. A fun time was had by all.

Haiti – The 2011 Regional Haiti Gathering will be November 12th at Sacred Heart Church. Celebration for the feast of St. Anne will be the weekend of July 23-24.

Just Faith – A number of committee members are participating in an experimental Racism module at Holy Family Church.

F. Parish Life (Dale Feltes): The “meet & greet” with Fr. Jun over the July 4th weekend was well received.

G. Stewardship (Megan Lombard): Looking into creation of a “social networking and PC technology” group/committee which would include people who have both general expertise of communication marketing and technology.

VI. Pastor’s Remarks: Council was for the wonderful celebration the weekend of May 21/22. It was great to celebrate with people not only from our Parish but also other parishes around the area, family and friends. On June 25th, St. Nicholas is hosting the entire Vicariate of the Eastern Sector of the Diocese. The main focus will be on the revised Roman Missal. An announcement should be in the Bulletin. He was very grateful for the Council’s leadership and all the wonderful ministries these past years while he was here and feels secure, happy and confident that the Council will carry on with Fr. Jun.

VII. Closing Prayer: Deacon Gary led us in a closing prayer & the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Royes