

DRAFT – PENDING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2010

Council Members Present:

Fr. Charles, Joe Strube (Chairperson), Dave Diaz (Vice-Chairperson), Sharla Diaz, Marco Fortuna, Rosalba LaRosa, Mike Bomba

Council Members Absent:

Larry Rickman (excused), Dave Diaz (excused), Joe Rosen, Alternate (excused)

Commission Representatives Present:

Elroy Grandy (Worship), Mike Grumboski (Social Ministries), Mary Lipko (Stewardship), Melanie Ursing (Christian Formation), Bill Barry (Vicariate Pastoral Council Rep.)

Guests:

Laurie Weick, Fr. Mike from St. Joe's.

Opening Prayer

The meeting was held in St. Elizabeth's School basement. Fr. Charles led both St. Liz and St. Pat's in the Latin hymn, "O Sanctissima." Afterwards we recited together "Prayer Before Any Meeting."

Review of Prior PPC Minutes

Correction: There will be no Criminal Justice meeting on June 10. The ministry will take a month off, per Mike.

June Calendar Changes/Additions

PPC meeting on THURSDAY, June 3, 6:30 at St. Pat's (moved from 2 days earlier)

Stewardship Commission meeting: Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 PM.

Worship Commission meeting: Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 PM.

PPC and Commissions' Meeting Minutes are due at the rectory on Monday, June 28.

Commission Reports

Worship: Elroy reports that the mission is coming up and volunteers are needed for various positions such as, book table, ushers, and refreshments. Also, there's a need for a few parishioners to have the Brothers over for dinner. The Brothers will speak at each of the Masses, May 15 and May 16. The mission begins on Monday, May 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Pat's. It will continue May 18 and May 19 at St. Elizabeth's at 7:00 PM both days. There was discussion at the Worship meeting regarding transportation for the Contemplative Brothers. (Worship Commission now understands that they will secure their own transportation at the airport.) There is a Mission Planning meeting on Monday, May 10.

Christian Formation: Melanie reports there will be no May meeting. Five candidates went through the program. All were baptized at the Easter Vigil service.

Stewardship: Mary reported that there has not been any significant change in the budget. The collections are still down 7%. The plant costs are up due to the repairs made to rectory roof and the school/church roof repairs. Plant repairs will continue to rise due to the school boiler-room's roof repair; the repair and replacement of the rectory AC unit; and the repair to the girls' restroom pipes in the school at a projected cost of \$2,400.

Social Ministries/Criminal Justice: Mike reports that there were 52 Angel Tree kids, now only 50. The parents of 2 kids found jobs and asked to be taken off the list. The Wyandotte City-Wide Garage Sale will be on May 15 & 16. Social Ministries would appreciate donations to sell. No clothing, please. Household goods, computers, decorations, small furniture, dishes, etc., would be appreciated. Drop off items at the school. Leftovers will be given to St. Benedicts.

Special Project

Discussion took place regarding an upcoming event.

Current/Future St. Liz Mass Schedule

Joe Strube reported that the Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM Masses will probably merge in the future. It's not in stone, yet. We are not sure if Fr. Charles leaves in July or at the end of the summer. Presently, among the three clustering parishes there are seven Masses said on the weekend: **Saturday evening** - 4:00 (St. Pat), 4:30 (St. Joe), and 5:30 (St. Liz), **Sunday morning** - 8:00 (St. Joe), 9:00 (St. Liz), 11:00 (St. Pat), and 11:00 (St. Joe).

Fr. Mike spoke saying he has discovered a lot of people want Saturday morning for funeral and memorial Masses. Between weddings, memorials, funerals, confessions, and Saturday evening Masses, that's a heavy enough schedule. His feeling is that three Saturday evening Masses is pushing it and said, "We're not allowed to do four Masses." Father Mike said he is 52. Fr. Peter is new and it would be wrong to throw him in the "deep end." Continuing with a 5:30 Mass for St. Elizabeth would be very tough. However, he says we can appraise things after six months.

Open Discussion

There was discussion about the 9:00 AM which has now been designated in the bulletin as the Charismatic Mass. Pros and cons were discussed.

JOINT ST. LIZ & ST. PAT SESSION

VPC Report

Bob reports that the APC (Archdiocese Pastoral Council) cancelled the Vicariate meeting in May. The VPC was reorganized at the March meeting into 5 committees with 5 people on each committee. It's working well so far because it is small. Regarding the consolidation of the three schools, there will be a meeting tomorrow night. There still is no solid plan but permission was given to hire a principal within the next two months. This person will spearhead preparation for the new K-8 school which is scheduled to begin in September, 2011. Per Fr. Mike there are presently 93 elementary students at Mt. Carmel, 101 at St. Joe's and 151 at Good Shepherd.

Parish Picnic

Mary reports that tents, tables, chairs, porta-johns, and music have all been taken care of. The meats (chicken, pork chops, and hamburger) that will be served are grass fed, no antibiotics, happy free-range chickens! The picnic will take place Sunday, June 6, after an 11:00 AM Mass at Exchange Park; that Mass replaces the St. Liz 9:00 AM for that Sunday only. (Fr. Charles will

see if Fr. Jim Arsenault can celebrate the regularly scheduled 11:00 AM Mass at St. Pat's that day. Otherwise, we'll need to switch the 9:00 AM Mass to St. Pat's for that one day. Fr. Mike suggested that Fr. John Cohen may be available to help with Mass that day. The chicken and pork chop dinners come with two sides and cost \$12. The children's hamburger meal costs \$4.00.

Mission Push

Not too many people have signed up for helping yet. Fr. Charles invited Fr. Mike to invite St. Joe's parishioners. Fr. Charles called Sr. Margaret and asked her to bring fliers promoting resources. The talks will start at 7:00 PM and go for 80 minutes. A freewill offering will be collected. Books and CDs will be available. The hosting parish will provide refreshments.

Update on Cluster

A week from Monday there will be a meeting of staff for getting to know each other. The Indian Pallotine priests are coming from Redford to tour the St. Liz and St. Pat rectories. Their decision as to which parish rectory will be used for Fr. Peter when he comes is still pending.

The Cluster Committee will meet at noon on May 15.

A question was raised and discussed: "When can we get all three Pastoral Parish Councils to meet?" One Meet & Greet gathering at each parish is planned. The majority can make it on Thursday evenings. **St. Elizabeth Parish** volunteered to host the **first Meet & Greet get-together on Thu, May 20, 7:00 PM**. The **second Meet & Greet** was scheduled for **Thu, June 3, 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Parish**. The St. Pat and St. Liz PPCs will arrive ½ hr earlier at 6:30 at St. Pat's Doherty-Hall Center to conduct a shortened business meeting. That meeting replaces the previously scheduled Tue, June 1, joint PPC meeting. The **third Meet & Greet event** is scheduled for **Thu, June 10, St. Joe's Parish Hall at 7:00 PM**. Each hosting parish will provide refreshments for the evening. We will first tour the facilities of each hosting site and then meet and visit with one another over light refreshments.

Open Discussion

Fr. Charles spoke about his upcoming stint at Madonna University, winter term.

Fr. Mike thanked Fr. Charles for the invitation to tonight's meeting. He said he has a lot of anxiety. He doesn't rate himself highly as an administrator but he gets a good feeling tonight that people will help and cooperate. He's grateful for our enthusiasm. He says he's very open. He came to St. Joe's 5 years ago. He didn't make quick changes there and doesn't plan to change things now. Whatever good practices are going on now will continue. He just met Fr. Peter. He hopes he feels settled here. Fr. Mike assured us that he is "sincere, gentle, and moves slowly." He hopes the Pallotines can be of great service to these 3 communities. Fr. Mike will invite Fr. Peter to our three Meet & Greets and to the Parish Picnic.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 3, 6:30-7:00 PM for a shortened (half-hour) meeting at Doherty-Hall Center. This meeting will take the place of the June 1st meeting.

Closing Prayer

Joe Strube led the group in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by note taker,
Marilyn K. Strube