

**St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**June 4, 2013**

**Members Participating:** Barbara Burkhardt, Kim Cernek, Tom Cordaro, Dan Dulik, Gus Fischer, Neil Gorman, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Mike Newell, Steve Schroeder, Marian Stricker, Larry Williams

**Members Absent:** Divia Ludwig, Barb Zdon

Council President Steve Schroeder opened tonight's meeting at 7:08 p.m. at the home of Barbara Burkhardt in Naperville. Gus Fischer offered an opening prayer. Steve then welcomed the two newly discerned At-Large Members, **Neil Gorman** and **Mike Newell**, who will begin serving three-year terms on Council and who will replace outgoing At-Large Members Dan Dulik and Steve Schroeder. In accordance with the Council's constitution, these two new members could speak but not yet vote at tonight's meeting prior to their installation.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 2013 MEETING MINUTES:**

**Council approved the minutes from May 7, 2013, with Gus Fischer moving, Dan Dulik seconding, and the Council approving these** The minutes, along with the Commission reports, will now be posted onto the Council's online web page.

**AD HOC COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:** The Communications Committee also met tonight at Barbara Burkhardt's house for one hour immediately prior to the Council meeting. Dan Dulik reported that much work still awaits this committee's attention, including developing specific tactics for communication. Although there is representation from three parish Commissions (Service, Education, and Worship), along with one Staff member, more staff representation on this committee is desired in order to help provide a more inclusive "mix" of parish leadership.

According to information received from Mary Lou Krauss, Art and Environment Director, an approved graphic design for the new parish theme is needed by 7/07/13, especially so that a banner can be made in time for the parish theme's kick-off on 9/8/13. Therefore, Council's input and approval will be needed for this design selection within the next two weeks, in response to design information which will be electronically sent by the Communication Committee.

**IMPORTANT 2013-14 DATES:**

- 6/06/13 (7 p.m., Room 7 at SMMP) - Planning Meeting for Parish Convocation (committee including Tom Cordaro, Kim Cernek, and Gus Fischer)
- 8/26/13 – Meeting with Presiders, Deacons, Lay Reflectors, and Liturgy Planners About New Parish Theme

- 9/07/13 – Parish Leadership Workshop Day [preceded by Parish Leadership Kick-Off Dinner on 9/06/13]
- 9/08/13 – New Parish Theme Kick-Off (at Parish Picnic)
- 9/10/13 – Pastoral Council Meeting (changed from regular first Tuesday of the month)
- 10/08/13 – Pastoral Council Meeting (changed from regular first Tuesday of the month) [Note: Council Meetings resume first Tuesday of the month schedule starting in November;]
- 1/04/14 or 1/11/14 – Parish Leadership Workshop Day Meeting
- 1/18/14 – Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**ANNUAL PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING (5/19/13) -- REVIEW:** Steve expressed his thanks to all who were involved with planning and presenting at the recent Town Hall Meeting on 5/19/13 [Pentecost Sunday]. He also noted how very proud he was of these efforts. Steve noted that all seemed to go very smoothly at the Town Hall, with good attendance and participation, along with well-received meeting content. According to Steve, "...the Holy Spirit was truly at work" at this meeting. Council expressed interest in scheduling the 2014 Town Hall Meeting immediately following the Sunday 12:15 p.m. Mass rather than on a weekday night. Fr. Paul noted, however, that 2014 Pentecost Sunday's June 8<sup>th</sup> date occurs too late in the year for a Town Hall Meeting. The new Pastoral Council will take up this issue in the fall.

**NEW PARISH THEME – REVIEW OF PHASE TWO OF TWO-YEAR PLAN:**

Steve offered thanks to the parish leadership and especially to Tom Cordaro for the development of the parish's new two-year plan, based on missional directives. Stating how proud he is of this collective effort, he again noted how much the Holy Spirit has been at work all throughout this process.

Steve then provided hard copies of planned strategies for *Order the Life of Our Community in Response to Our Call*, requesting that Council again review this document. The parish will be on Year Two of this two-year discernment cycle, with strategies planned for the following:

1. The Community of Naperville/Lisle and Beyond
2. Occasional Travelers
3. Regular Companions
4. Direction Setters

Council expressed much satisfaction in the new two-year parish theme, "Live with Open Hearts and Open Arms," which the parish leadership had developed. It was noted how the missional directives should be well-known by the parish "Direction Setters" already.

Lastly, Steve provided hard copies of the Parish Action Plan spreadsheet, which organized details generated at the 4/02/13 Council meeting for the following categories: Tasks; Audience; Personnel; Budget; and Deadline. At the 9/10/13 meeting, Council will then need to decide how to handle this Action Plan. In addition, the Communication

Committee will need to generate some additional target dates shortly for its assigned tasks.

**CHURCH LIGHTING UPDATE:** Thanks to a very generous response to fund raising efforts for the Parish Lighting Improvement Campaign, the \$150,000 target goal has now been reached. Additional donations are still being accepted, as there might still be some unforeseen expenses incurred beyond what was originally estimated. Project plans have now been finalized, and RuckPate Architecture has prepared the bids to go out later this week. The receipt of four to five competitive bids will be hopefully sought for this project shortly. A contractor will then be selected after the bids are received, and more information about the project timeline and actual expenses will be obtained.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Administration:** No report was received, and no Administration Representative was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

**Christian Worship (CWC):** [*Christian Worship Commission Report June, 2013 was electronically submitted in advance by Gus Fischer, a copy of which is shown hereto*].

There were no additional questions posed to Gus Fischer, CWC Representative.

**Christian Education (CEC):** [*CEC May 2013 Report for PC for June 2013 Meeting was electronically submitted in advance by Kim Cernek, a copy of which is shown hereto*].

Kim Cernek, CEC Representative, reported that the (high school) Quest Program is based on a two-year cycle, with the freshmen now moving to using a different curriculum. The (junior high) Journey Program will be using a different textbook, which will continue along the same textbook book series as used by the K-5 Religious Education Program. She noted that, unfortunately, some parents continue to have some difficulty with distinguishing between the Journey vs. Quest Programs, as based on the program titles.

The Peer Ministry Program, for high school juniors and seniors, meets on Sundays, with Bob Hansen and Steve Griffin leading their formation. Components of Peer Ministry include retreat planning, prayer, mission work, and social events. Peer Ministers especially assist with the freshmen and sophomore retreats.

Kim also noted that Dan Lawler, Director of Youth Ministry, has done a huge amount of work during his first year on staff with program curricula. He would like to see more overall program content, including focus on a greater quality of service work with lifetime guidelines.

**Christian Service (CSC):** No report was submitted. Divia Ludwig, CSC Representative, was absent from tonight's meeting.

Tom Cordaro stated that Project Gabriel will temporarily be on hiatus.

**ELECTION OF 2013-14 COUNCIL OFFICERS/ INSTALLATION OF NEW AT-LARGE MEMBERS:** Steve led the nomination process for the offices of Council President, Vice-President, and Secretary, noting that these terms were for one-year commitments. Candidates for these need to be any of the six At-Large Members, with the office of Secretary usually filled by one of the new At-Large Members. In addition, the new At-Large Members could not yet vote for or nominate candidates. Council then voted by paper ballot. Barb Zdon, who was recovering from an illness, had submitted her votes in advance.

**Council expressed its consensus in approving Barbara Burkhardt as President, Larry Williams as Vice-President, and Mike Newell as Secretary.**

Neil Gorman and Mike Newell were officially installed as new At-Large Members on Council, thereby replacing outgoing At-Large Members Steve Schroeder and Dan Dulik, who were completing three-year terms of service.

Steve Schroeder was specially thanked for his excellent leadership as outgoing Council President and Dan Dulik for his many creative ideas as Vice-President, along with their years of service. They were presented with a card and gift remembrances from the Council. Recording Secretary Marlyn Steury was presented with a potted garden plant and card.

**FINAL "WHIP" AROUND:** Comments included:

- "A beautiful evening, which was very productive."
- "Great [outdoor] setting! It was a pleasure working with all of you."
- "It's just ten minutes to eight, a record ending time for our meeting!"
- "Thanks to all."
- "I'm excited about the next three years!"
- "Great work on Council – we did some amazing stuff, setting the stage for our parish, other parishes, and the wider church."
- "Thank you, Tom and Steve, for leading a remarkable group of people of faith."
- "Thanks to Steve and Dan. This year has been a journey -- not a set of meetings -- very Spirit-filled."
- "A good year – we accomplished a lot!"
- "Thanks!"
- "This was a most agreeable group, which worked very well. I looked forward to attending each meeting. Steve set a good pace without being controlling. Dan was very creative, and Tom was a practical theologian."

- “Special thanks, for the journey continues. Thanks to Tom and to everyone on Council -- each of you came to meetings well prepared and did lots of assigned reading in advance.”
- “Thanks for the minutes!”

**CLOSING:** Gus Fischer offered a closing prayer. Barbara Burkhardt and Gus then provided tonight’s refreshments, for which they were duly thanked. Appreciated was also expressed to Barbara for having graciously opened her house for tonight’s meeting site.

The meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m.

***The next Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, in Room 8 (St. Margaret Mary Parish), starting at 7:00 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury, Recording Secretary

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**Christian Worship Commission Report June, 2013**

**Altar Servers:** No Report.

**Art and Environment:** We are working on the banner design for this year’s Parish theme.

**Baptism Assistants:** They will be contacting all members for commitment, and prepare the calendar for next year.

**Music Ministry:** Members from the Contemporary Choir are planning an outdoor Concert for Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** No Report.

**Lectors:** Terry Wagner will be taking over this ministry in July. We want to thank Greg Scriba for his many years of service heading this ministry.

**Sacristan Ministry:** No Report

**Linen Launderers:** No report

**Greeters:** We have switched to Business Casual for the summer months.

- Submitted by Gus Fischer

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## **CEC May 2013 Report for PC for June 2013 Meeting**

### **PreK-Grade 5 Report: Sue Davey**

- Classes ended on Saturday, May 4
- We continue to receive registrations for next year. So far, I have 55 confirmed catechists.
- Vacation Bible School starts June 10. So far, about 64 children have registered.

### **Youth Ministry: Dan Lawler**

- We are preparing for our summer service trips over the next few months. We have 14 people going to Clintwood, VA, to repair homes in Appalachia. There are 13 people going to Springfield, IL, for our Junior High trip called Just5Days the

third week of July. The following week we are sending 20 people to Omaha, NE, to work with the Winnebago Tribe through Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA). We are hoping to raise a little over \$10,000 through letter writing and possibly collecting donations at Mass and online.

- We are starting to evaluate and prepare for our catechetical sessions next year. We will be joining a diocesan program called Transforming Adolescent Catechesis which should help us to examine how we can better serve the families of our parish: <http://www.adolescentcatechesis.org/TAC>
- We are looking for an assistant to help with some of our evening and weekend activities for Youth Ministry. We have sent the posting to the Youth Ministers in the Cluster, the Diocesan office, local university campus ministry programs, and a few other outlets.

### **Adult Faith Formation: Sr. Madelyn Gould**

Time has been spent meeting with committees to determine topics and speakers for 2013-14.

#### **Morning Enrichment**

- September 11: *How to Live a Contemplative Life in Our 24/7 World* by Judith Valente
- October 9: *How We Pray* by Cabrina Attal & Panel
- November 13: *Praying During Troubled Times* by David Schimmel
- December 11: *Embracing Hospitality Through Scripture* by the Team
- January 8: *The Welcoming Jesus: Then and Now* by Sallie Litkovich, CSJ
- February 12: *When I Disagree With Church Teachings* by Fr. Paul Hottinger
- March 12: *Day of Reflection* by Sr. Madelyn & Marcia Mackenbrook

#### **Evening Enrichment**

- September 18: *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: The Spiritual Life as Process* by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM
- October 18: *The Spirituality of Grandparenting* by Kathleen Heskin
- November 20: *Catching Fire, Become Flame: The Examiner* by Fr. Albert Hasse, OFM
- January 19-20: Parish Mission by Fr. Ed Shea, OFM
- February 19: *Bringing Balance to My Life*: presented TBA

### **All Saints Catholic Academy: Dr. Sandy Renehan**

- School is complete on May 31, 2013, and begins again August 21, 2013.
- We have had a wonderful faith-filled year and look forward to Year Nine.
- God bless St. Mary Margaret Parish and Community for making this school happen.

- Submitted by Kim Cernek