

St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

**Meeting Minutes**

August 24, 2010

**Attendees:** Fr. Chuck Wible, Bob York, Ken Malecki, Cheryl Crandell, Tami Zavislan, Larry Shannahan, Pat Martin, Angie Rebbert, Bob Roddy, Jim Wilson, Connor Brusco, Gene Foley

**Absent:** Van Christ, Anita Rodriguez

**Guests:** Beth Marchiano, Diane Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Connor Brusco

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved.

**HCA Update:** Diane Lewis reported.

Diane briefed the council on the Life Long Faith Formation final report. A Catholic Assembly regional website is currently in the works for all the parishes. Directors of Religious Education will be meeting again in September correlate information for the website. They are also investigating the 18-35 year old age group in order to encourage them to join sponsored groups. There are events being planned trying to join groups from each parish especially the youth. Discussion regarding a table sponsored by the Catholic churches of Harford County at next summer's Harford County Farm Fair. Diane provided each council member with a handout about her presentation.

**Pastor's Comments:** Father Chuck reported.

- Father expressed his gratitude and appreciation to everyone who shared love and concern for him and his family after his Dad's passing.
- Donut socials are to begin again on September 5. Religious Ed will sponsor the first one. Each ministry is to sponsor a Sunday. Beth Marchiano emailed each group to notify them of their date. Typically, the Socials are scheduled for the first Sunday of the month. The group is to decide which type of breakfast they wish to provide, set up, and clean up

as well.

- A new Capital campaign is slated to begin in the fall with a 'silent phase'. Parishes are scheduled to begin in January. A meeting is planned with CSA, the consulting firm who is running it through the Archdiocese. It will dovetail with our master plan and what we might need in the future. As more information is given it will be disseminated. This is to be a three (3) year pledge type campaign. The asking phase in the parishes will roll-out in groups.

***Picnic Update:*** Father Chuck reported:

The picnic is scheduled for August 28, 2010. The forecast is for a beautiful day. Volunteers are needed to take in food from 10:30 -12:00. Things are progressing well.

***Phone Call Reports:***

Response to phone calls this month was positive. Everyone is encouraged to make the phone calls as there is value in leaving a message even if a party is not reached directly.

***Strategic Plan:*** Jim Wilson and Beth Marchiano reported.

- Two groups are to update the Five Year Plan at each meeting.
- Stewardship Ministry presented their update. There was some discussion regarding whether stewardship not always means fund raising it is also getting others involved in what we already have.
- The Liturgy Committee also presented their update. The new priority is to transition through the new upcoming Liturgical changes. The Connections and Service Ministries are to present at the next meeting in September.

***Ministry Reports:***

***Service:*** Ken Malecki reported:

Ken expressed his gratitude for all those sharing their love, thoughts and prayers after his Mom's death.

Nothing much to report. The numbers have dropped for summer. St. Vincent de Paul's pantry supplies have gone down as well. Local businesses are being encouraged to donate. There is a plan in place at this time by Deacon Jim and Larry Shannahan that is being worked on for this.

A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for September 18, 2010.

***Parish Life:*** Ed Petrovic reported.

***Knights of Columbus:***

The yearly installation of officers was held on July 10, 2010 followed by a dinner in Kilduff Hall. Grand Knight Dan Trout was inaugurated for the year 2010-2011. Father Chuck and District Deputy Jim Crosse officiated.

• Several members were recognized for their efforts in the past year. Mike and Karen Georgulas were recognized as Family of the Year. Bill Orlosky and Ed Petrovic were recognized as the Roy Franta Volunteers of the Year.

- Several members of the Knights spent July 21, 2010 cooking breakfast for the homeless.
- On July 24, 2010 the Knights held a prayer service in the Stone Chapel to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.
- On July 31, 2010, the Knights held their annual Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament for kids. Lunch was served after returning from the fishing tournament.
- On August 14, 2010 the Knights held an outing at Ripken Stadium attending an Ironbirds game. All kids attended for free.
- On September 9, 2010 the Knights will hold a dinner cruise on the Lantern Queen on the Susquehanna River.
- The Knights are getting ready to co-sponsor the Trunk or Treat on October 29, 2010 along with the Religious Ed group.
  
- *The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus:*
- New officers were installed during July and Cindy Rock is the new president for 2010-2011.
- The Ladies are organizing a Dinner Bingo on October 1, 2010.
- In addition, the Ladies are conducting a 300 Club Raffle and tickets are selling well. Winners will be drawn at the Bull Roast on September 18, 2010.

***Faith Formation/Youth:*** Angie Rebbert and Connor Brusio reported.  
Elementary Faith Formation:

September 1<sup>st</sup> 7PM is Catechist and Aide Orientation for all K-8 catechists and aides for this coming year. The meeting will begin in the Stone Chapel with prayer and administrative updates. We will then move to the Education Center and group by grades to train on the methodology segment for each grade from *Echoes of Faith*. Finally, we will break into grade level groups to review the syllabus for the year.

Donut Sundays will resume on September 5<sup>th</sup> after all Sunday Masses. Going forward a ministry area will host the donuts. On September 5<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation will host!

September 13<sup>th</sup> is the Faith Formation kick-off event – sing-a-long with Fr. Chuck. The Children's choir will precede Fr. Chuck and we will follow with a Catechist meet and greet/book pick up/refreshments in Kilduff Hall. Home study families will meet in room 203 for book pick up.

Elementary Faith Formation changes for the upcoming year:

Each K-5 grade will focus on 2 of the 4 pillars of our faith. K, 2, 3 will focus on We Believe and We Worship. 1,3,5 will focus on We Live and We Pray. This will allow a more complete discussion of each topic and provide more focus to our program.

Two service projects this year will be the SVDP school supply collection in September and Food Drive/Making Bags from January-April.

Four special events this year are – EFF kickoff (Sept), A Night in Bethlehem (Dec), Bible Stories (Mar) and Stations (Apr).

This year a special emphasize will be placed on partnering with parents as reflected in the welcome letter and class focus on the “With My Family’ pages in the textbooks.

#### Growing in Love (GIL) – Family Life.

Grades K-5 will incorporate the GIL topics/activities into the appropriate chapters of the Faith First textbook. A mapping of each GIL lesson to chapters in the Faith First textbook will be completed by the end of August. Grades 4 & 5 have 2-3 lessons of a sensitive nature. We will inform parents when we will be covering those chapters and ask that they work with their child(ren) at home to discuss those lessons. This will require that we purchase GIL sets for all grade 4 & 5 students. Annual book costs will increase by approximately \$2500 per faith formation year.

The Family Life Training session offered by AoB will come to SFDS in January 2011! We are happy to host the training in the K of C C hall.

We are looking for a Kindergarten Catechist for Monday evenings.

CLOW will resume September 12<sup>th</sup>, looking for a CLOW catechists for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11AM Mass.

#### **Youth Group:**

Summer events were well attended this summer.

VBS had 72 volunteers (adults & youth)

Hershey Park – 24 in attendance

Box Hill Pool Party – 54 in attendance

Cascade Lake – 20 in attendance

So far 8 have committed to attending BYCC in November. A SFDS family generously donated 2 Raven's tickets for participants to raffle off. We hope to start selling the tickets at the September 9 Donut Sunday. \$4 of the \$5 ticket cost will be credited to the youth selling. The other \$1 per ticket will cover the cost of a basket of Raven's stuff that will accompany the tickets. The tickets are for the November 28 game against the Buccaneers!

September 18<sup>th</sup> we will participate in a Car Wash for Life. All proceeds will be donated to Camp GLOW – a residential camp for developmentally disabled adults.

September 18<sup>th</sup> will also be a SFDS Minute to Win It Challenge for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade youth only! This will allow our shy 6th grade youth to meet and greet others at the parish.

Youth events can now be viewed on the parish Facebook page.

JIF leadership meeting is scheduled for yearly general planning. There is also a Putt Putt Center event scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Middle/High School Event calendar provided and not entered into minutes.

***Latino Community:*** Anita Rodriguez absent – report provided and entered into minutes.

We had over 100 people attend on June 27, 2010 to talk to the representatives of different organizations in Harford county that came to SFDS to offer information to the Latino community.

I met with the Hispanic Catechist on Sunday, August 22 to review the expectations and goals for this coming school year. I was very happy because we had a 100% attendance. All the information was discussed and everyone seemed to be happy with this year's plans. Catechist will be attending two workshops – one on September 7 at St. Patrick's HdG and another workshop on September 18 in Baltimore. The purpose of attending these workshops is to obtain our Catechist certification.

We will have a parent meeting on September 12, 2010 after the Spanish Mass to offer information to parents about Religious Education for this coming year. Classes will have to be combined because of a lack of rooms and the ESOL class may have to be canceled because of a lack of space also.

SFDS Picnic: The picnic was announced and hopefully we will have some Latino families attend and we will help with anything we can.

Fr. Luis will be leaving at the end of December to attend school in Rome to continue his studies for his Doctorate in Canon Law. We will need a priest to celebrate our Spanish Mass.

SVDP: The Latino Community continues preparing the grocery bags every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

We are also looking forward to helping with the Trunk and Treat this year again.

We have about 10 people that will be participating in the Multicultural fest on October 16, 2010. Countries that will be represented are Puerto Rico, Panama, Mexico, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Peru, Argentina and Ecuador. We hope to get more people involved in this event. All donations will be given to Dan and Kristine and they will make sure that the ministries that will be helped receive it.

**Stewardship:** Jim Wilson reported during Five Year Plan update.

**Liturgy:** Bob York reported.

Today is the feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle. He is listed among the apostles in Matthew, Mark and Luke and also in Acts as a witness of the Ascension. Since the ninth century he has been associated with Nathaniel and today's first reading is about Nathaniel; tradition holds that Nathaniel and Bartholomew are one and the same. Again by tradition he and St. Jude brought the gospel to Armenia.

Major focus of the Liturgy committee at this time is to prepare for the revision to the English Roman Missal and to formulate ways in which to catechize and communicate to the assembly. We believe that early communication to parishioners and ongoing catechesis is key to a smooth transition in Advent 2011. Our entire August meeting involved members of the committee presenting the revisions (the what's and the whys) to the assembly portions of the liturgy. They prepared their presentations based on information received from Liturgy Training Publications and Fr. Chuck participated. Consensus is that the majority of the revisions are for the good. Presider changes were not generally reviewed. There will be a cost impact to obtain New Roman Missals and new music (responses and Acclamations, Gloria, etc.) which based on past costs for these items should be a minimum of \$3,000, but this is very soft. Our next meeting will explore in greater detail how to catechize; when to start catechesis, liturgy minutes, bulletin corner, pamphlets, commentary Mass, presentations to committees/town hall, introducing a portion at a time, reminders that the Breaking Bread will contain all the Assembly changes. We will also look more deeply into cost as the year goes on.

Liturgical Coordinators will meet on Sunday October 24, 12:30PM in meeting room #1. Mary Rose is now doing the scheduling of Liturgical Ministers.

Dates to remember: Monday November 1, Solemnity of All Saints (not obligatory since on a Monday); Tuesday November 2, All Souls.

Next meeting of the committee is Tuesday 21 September at 7PM. All are invited and welcome.

**Connections:** Gene Foley reported.

It's a quiet time of year. We are still looking for feedback on the Religious Education hospitality room. The Baptism program is rolling on.

**Good of the Council:**

There is a class being taught beginning in September on Church history. It is being taught by Barry Zavislan.

Bull/Oyster Roast update: 130 tickets sold so far. We need \$500 in tickets to break even. We are also in desperate need of cakes for the cake wheel. Help is needed to set up and clean up the hall.

Bob Roddy made a request to add brainstorming ideas of how to make each ministry more supportive to each other to the agenda.

Discussed Kilduff Hall rentals.

*Closing Prayer:* Connor Brusio

*Adjournment*

**Next meeting September 28, 2010**

**Executive Meeting September 20, 2010**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Crandell, Secretary