

**St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 27, 2011**

**Attendees:** Van Christ, Sylvia Brooks, Charles Duke, Mary Ann Palmer, Bob Roddy, Betty Solomon, Carolyn Webster, Chris Wilson, Jim Wilson, Fr. Chuck, Rob Hardy, Christina Minkler

**Absent:** Gene Foley, Daniel Velez, Pat Martin

**Guest/New Council Members:** None.

**Opening Prayer:** Campaign Prayer was said by all.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved.

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

The new boiler system and its control system have been installed. On Monday, the control system malfunctioned. The walk through with Blue Dot was supposed to occur on Tuesday, but it had to be postponed. Once the control system is functioning properly, the walk through will occur, which should be in a week or so.

This is the last part of the quiet phase of the capital campaign; we go public in a couple of weeks. We have received approximately \$250,000 in pledges. The informational mailing and phone bank will start in October / in pews November time frame. The goal is \$1.6 million.

The parish picnic was held on Saturday at St. Francis de Sales. The Knights provided hot dogs and hamburgers. In addition, various ministries were in charge of making it successful day.

The Stone Chapel roof has been fixed; the dry wall and painting is being completed. The insurance folks need to look at the tower; thus far, only a visual inspection from the ground has been completed. There is a wedding in November, so we look forward to the timely completion of this repair.

In the Worship Center, the window at the peak of the church has a crack and is suppose to be fixed this month. Since Daily Mass has been held in the Worship Center, the repairs for the Worship Center are on hold until the Stone Chapel is completed. The current schedule is that the dome would be fixed in November, and then the window area before Christmas. This schedule depends on the completion of the Stone Chapel.

**Ministry Reports:**

**Service:** Carolyn Webster reported.

- Blood Drive

- All went very well thanks to Kate Sullivan for chairing this project.
  - The goal was 41; 39 pints of blood were collected and when broken down 117 patients will be able receive life support.
  - This was great turnout for our church.
  - When anyone donates at the hospital, they can request that this be credited to the St Francis de Sales account.
  - Thank you for your support.
- Homeless Shelter
    - There are 20 volunteers for making breakfast, lunches, and dinners, as well as time with the patrons for games and such. Diane's youth group completes many hours service there also.
    - Anyone interested in joining the group can call Gerry or Rose Pollis.
    - Other groups from churches and community also serve there for meals and entertainment.
- Let's Do Lunch
    - Let's Do Lunch is doing very well; there is an ample supply of staples, only perishables are needed from the volunteers as they are making up the lunches.
    - Anyone wishing to help deliver these can call Josie.
    - They make up about 30 lunches.
- Sharing table
    - Ken Malecki has picked this up for the next time our parish is in the lead, which will be at the end of November or December, as there are many groups involved in this project.
    - Anyone interested can call Ken for further information.
- St. Vincent de Paul
    - The pantry is in need of the usual staples of peanut butter, cereal, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce beans, and all donations are greatly appreciated. Also, personal hygiene products and toiletries are always in short supply.
    - The donations of food, monetary gifts, and volunteering times are deeply appreciated. Our parishioners demonstrate the act of giving in so many ways.
    - September SVDP
      - Clients - 191; Food bags - 186; Assistance - \$3,876.60

Thank you all for the generous gift of self and goods, money and support to all of the ministries.

**Liturgy:** Sylvia Brooks reported.

- The December 31<sup>st</sup>/January 1<sup>st</sup> weekend is a normal mass schedule. For the Christmas weekend, the Sunday mass times are being debated. There is no donut social on October 2<sup>nd</sup>; it will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Life:** Rob Hardy reported.

- Boy Scouts
  - Now that summer is over, things have settled down for the scouts.
  - Coming up there are two courts of honor and a rock-climbing trip planned for October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - [www.bsatroop810.net](http://www.bsatroop810.net) for more details.
- Bus Trips
  - There are two opportunities for excursions. The first is a bus trip to Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA October 3-7. The second is a pilgrimage to Italy October 26 - November 3. More details on both of these trips can be found in the bulletin.
- "Fun" Raising Committee
  - Bingo is on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. This past week's Bingo was "Purple Pride Night" in support of the Ravens.
  - The Parish Picnic is October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM.
    - Come have your animals blessed by Father Chuck at 10 AM and stay for the food and fun after!
  - The Bull and Oyster Roast is October 15th.
    - There are still a few tickets left and more help is needed for setup, teardown, and working the wheels.
    - Donations of wine and cakes are also appreciated. Contact Pat Shannahan ([pshannahan@comcast.net](mailto:pshannahan@comcast.net)) for details.
- Knights of Columbus
  - The Knights just held their annual pancake breakfast and had a healthy turnout.
  - A traveling crucifix was started in the council to go home with Knights on a weekly basis along with a prayer book for vocations.
  - Coming up, the Knights are going to a wine tasting at Fiore vineyards. More information can be found at [www.kofc11372.org](http://www.kofc11372.org).
- K of C Ladies Auxiliary
  - The Ladies Auxiliary has compiled and is now selling a recipe book for the low price of \$10 or 3 for \$25.
    - The proceeds will go to SVdP.
  - They are also holding their annual 300-club raffle and the drawing will take place during the Bull and Oyster Roast on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Ladies have also started a program to keep in touch with youth after they leave for college.
- Donut Social Sunday
  - The next donut social is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Education:** Mary Ann Palmer reported.

- Elementary Faith Formation
  - K-5 Faith Formation started the week of September 12<sup>th</sup> with a family prayer service. Attendance was good and I thought the prayer service was very nice. We had 5<sup>th</sup> graders and youth aides do the readings and intercessions.
  - K-5 will continue to collect school supplies through the month of October for St. Matthew parish.
  - God Sightings are a theme for the upcoming year. Each student is challenged to find God in everyday events. Students can write their God Sightings on a sticky note and put on our God Sighting Wall (2nd floor education center)
  - Numbers are down for this year compared to last year (down about 80 students).
- Upcoming Events
  - The week of October 24<sup>th</sup> grade 5 will be performing Bible Stories for grades K-4.
- Home Study
  - Home Study book pick up took place on September 18<sup>th</sup>! All but 3 families stopped by.
- Upcoming Events
  - December 4<sup>th</sup>'s Home study quarterly meeting will be on the topic of the Roman Missal. Barry Zavislan will be our presenter.

**Youth:** Chris Wilson reported.

- Youth Ministry
  - Ravens Raffle is doing very well, almost 400 tickets sold!
    - See Diane for tickets!!
  - October 7th Dinner Bingo sales are slow.
    - We need 80 tickets to break even and only have cash-in-hand for 50 tickets.
    - Please consider supporting our fundraising event!
- Upcoming Events
  - October 7<sup>th</sup>, NCYC Dinner Bingo
    - All proceeds benefit the 12 youth we have traveling to Indy for the conference.
    - See Diane to purchase your tickets.
  - October 8<sup>th</sup>, A-maze-ing Day
    - This year's catechical piece is on immigration. After learning about immigration process, we will head to Beachmont for their corn maze.
  - October 29th Trunk or Treat
    - 7:00pm Gathering/opening prayer
    - 7:20pm Costume contest
    - 7:30pm Spooky fun and games in Kilduff Hall, Boo Barn in KC Hall, Haunted Trails open
    - 7:45-8:30pm trunk or treat in parking lot

- 9pm event ends!!

**Stewardship:** Jim Wilson reported.

- Maintenance
  - The HVAC and new control systems are almost complete. A final walk through is scheduled for October 11th.
  - The Stone Chapel is closed until structural issues to tower have been corrected. There is no estimated date as of yet, as this is being handled by Archdiocese of Baltimore.
  - Routine repairs and maintenance are occurring as normal.
- Fund Raising
  - The Bull Roast is sold out.
  - Upcoming events in planning stages for 2012; more details to follow once committee has had their first meeting.
  - Bingo still needs volunteers to help with event itself or clean up after.
- Finance
  - We are wrapping up FY 11 and looking hard at 2012 costs.
  - Given the global economic condition, the committee will stay very close to cost outlays.
- Development Committee
  - The capital campaign is wrapping up the "Major" and "Advanced Gift" phases of the project.
  - We are now on to the Special Gifts phase where we are seeking volunteers to assist in this phase of the fund raising effort.
  - We are still attempting to raise sizeable amounts over a 3-5 year period.

**Latino Community:** Danny Vélez was absent. No report provided.

**Evangelization / Connections:** Gene Foley was absent. No report provided.

**Good of the council:**

Laura Mattheiss is trying to feed forty families for Lent. She is making 40 boxes of food with \$35 contributions. She has the money to complete half of them already. She plans on gathering the donations by October and being able to deliver them to houses. She is doing this by word of mouth.

A number of people have asked why we do not sing more songs that are patriotic. It is the opinion of Father Chuck that patriotic songs are not appropriate as liturgical music. We do sing, "Let there be peace on earth" during the Eucharist and "God Bless America" during the Recession.

***Council Corner:***

- St. Vincent de Paul Society served 191 clients, distributed 186 bags of food & gave \$3876.60 to our clients. Without the generosity of our parishioners, this could not have been accomplished.
- The Stone Chapel has been closed for repairs. The repairs for the Worship Center are on hold until the Stone Chapel is completed. Daily Mass has been held in the Worship Center. The Worship Center repairs should be complete by Christmas.
- Our Blood Drive was a success collecting 39 donations, which was a great turnout. If you make a donation at a hospital or Red Cross Center just ask that it be added to the St. Francis de Sales blood bank.
- The Sharing Table has a new coordinator, Ken Malecki. Thanks to Ed Petrovic who had this job for many years.

***Closing prayer: Chris Wilson***

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Minkler  
Secretary