

**St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 26, 2016**

**Attendees:** John Fisher, Father Jaime Garcia, Alice Long, Sylvia Brokos, Rob Hardy, Ray Traube, Father Jack Ward, Deacon Jim Sullivan, Carolyn Webster, Sally Raphael, Viviana Cajigas, and Susan Gallagher.

**Absent:** Mary Ann Palmer, Julie Lindner, Kathy Glover, Iris Hernandez, Erin Perkins

**Order:** Susan Gallagher brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Opening Prayer:** The Embracing Our Mission – Shaping our Future prayer was said by all.

**Approval of Minutes:** The January minutes were approved as shredded.

**Parish Update**

After a period of time that Father Jack has spent here at the Parish, he has come to the determination that it is time to reform the Liturgy Committee. A number of concerns from parishioners were read and addressed and the Council attempted to determine the root cause of the issues in order to attempt to remedy them.

With regard to the reformed Liturgy Committee, Father Jack believes we will need input with regard to hymnals, music, proper maintenance, decoration, candles, and working with Deacon Jim and Father Garcia when Father Jack is unable to attend. All former committee members are welcome to apply to serve on this committee. The committee will be revised to adhere more firmly to the by-laws of the Pastoral Council and the duties therein.

**Resolution**

In reviewing the function and operation of the Pastoral Council and its committees, and in an effort to expand the diversity of the Liturgy committee and revitalize its function, the Pastoral council, at the suggestion of the clergy, hereby moves to reform the Liturgy committee to include the following duties:

- Provide input regarding the choice of hymnals and worship aides.
- Oversee decoration and artistic design of the liturgical space.
- Provide input with regard to music working in cooperation with clergy, musicians and the director of music.
- Enhance the unity of the various ethnic and national diverse membership of the parish.
- Organization of the parish liturgical calendar.
- Other duties as requested by the clergy and the Parish Council.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made and seconded. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

Father Jack shared with the Pastoral Council members the parish results from the recent *Be Missionary Disciples Survey* conducted by the Archdiocese.

### ***Pastoral Council Elections***

Previously in the month, Susan Gallagher, current Chair of the Pastoral Council, submitted her resignation to Father Jack. As outlined in the By-laws, the Vice Chair would normally step up to fill the role, however, Iris Hernandez, the current Vice Chair, is not able to do that at this time due to personal reasons. Therefore, the election of a new Chair of the Pastoral Council was held. Father Jack issued a vote of confidence in Ray Traube to step up as the new Pastoral Council Chair to which Ray accepted. A motion was made and seconded and the appointment was unanimously approved. Ray Traube will serve as Chair until next March when the next election of Pastoral Council members will be held.

At this same time, Rob Hardy, current Secretary of the Council, verbally submitted his resignation as Secretary to the Council. A call for nominees was held and Sylvia Brokos nominated herself for the position. The motion was made and second and the appointment was unanimously approved.

### ***Jubilee Planning Committee***

Due to the inclement weather of this past winter the Jubilee Committee has been unable to meet for past several month. The new Jubilee Banner has been hung over the entrance of Kilduff Hall. Also the monthly "We Are Saint Francis" pew testimonials by parishioners have begun. The next event will be Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with the Living Rosary in conjunction with the youth of the parish. The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month – May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Recognition***

Susan took a moment to recognize Sally Raphael as the recipient of the 2016 International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN) Living Legends Award.

### **Ministry Reports**

***Connections:*** Mary Ann Palmer was absent and no report was read.

***Faith Formation:*** Julie Lindner was absent and but her report was read:

- January 19-20 Feast of St Francis de Sales Activities – Grade K-8 Acrostic Poems to be displayed on end of pews
- February 23- March 9 all classes will be participating in food collection and bagging
- March 15-16 Grade 5 led Stations of the cross
- April 19-20 End of Year Celebration –Rosary followed by ice cream cups thanks to the LKC

#### ***Coming up***

- Planning and preparations for next EFF year – ordering books, planning communal learning events, recruiting catechists.

***Latino Community:*** Iris Hernandez was absent and no report was read.

***Liturgy:*** Sylvia Brokos reported:

This has been discussed in depth already and everything has been said that needs to be said.

***Parish Life:*** Rob Hardy reported:

### **Girl Scouts**

- Feb 4, Mar 2, Apr 6 SU673 Team meeting in Kilduff Hall
- Feb 20 – Thinking Day celebration 1-3:30 Kilduff Hall/Education Center classrooms
- Mar 5 All About Fairies – 60 Daisy’s and Brownies were present to learn about Fairies.
- Apr 15-17 Camping at Camp Hidden Valley

#### **Coming Up**

- Preparation for next year

#### **Bingo**

- We’re still looking for someone to take over bingo. Contact [bingo@kofc11372.org](mailto:bingo@kofc11372.org) if you’re interested.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

- The Knights will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7 PM.

#### **K of C Ladies Auxiliary**

- The Ladies had a Brush and Brunch event which raised about \$1000. Everyone who attended was thrilled with the event.

**Service:** Carolyn Webster was absent but her report is as follows:

#### **Our Daily Bread**

- Kathy could use more volunteers to distribute pans on the first weekend of the month and to collect casseroles on the following weekend.
- Received 78 casseroles during the month of January, 96 during February, 87 during March and 103 during the month of April.
- Please remember these are easy to make. Suggest to friends and parishioners that they can also donate Stouffers Lasagna Family size.
- Anyone interested in helping with this contact Kathy Batdorf at 410-638-0883 or [batdorfs@comcast.net](mailto:batdorfs@comcast.net).

#### **Let’s Do Lunch**

- Moving along needs snack packs, water, juice and easy to eat packs. Anyone interested in helping deliver these lunches along Route 40 should call Sally Myers at 410-836-3390.

#### **Homeless Shelter**

- Lunches are made every three months and it is fun and quick.
- We need volunteers to make lunches one evening a quarter. Anyone interested in sitting to chat, watch TV, or play games is welcomed. Call Jerry Pollis at 443-307-3976.

#### **Sharing Table**

- The group serves a hot meal every 3 months at Prince of Peace on a Saturday. This is enjoyed by all involved.
- Next event is May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Call Ken Malecki at 410-515-3735 for more information.

## Outreach

- The month of January saw 162 clients, distributed 157 food bags and assisted 59 families financially.
- The month of February saw 169 clients, distributed 165 food bags and assisted 65 families financially.
- The month of March saw 124 clients, distributed 123 food bags and assisted 39 families financially.

Boyscouts provided many bags of food donations and stocked the pantry. Faith formation also brings food and personal item donations. The Knights Ladies collected and brought hundreds of personal care items this month also.

Outreach will do Donut Sunday on May 1<sup>st</sup> with a table to display the services ministries. There are many wonderful generous people who help make this a positive & productive program. Many are not seen nor contact with clients. There are many roles to be filled. If interested or know someone who is call Carolyn Webster at 443-421-2652 or Patty Smith at 410-960-0322.

Everything to keep these ministries going is deeply appreciated and the parish is always most generous in so many ways. Thank you all.

**Stewardship:** John Fisher was previously present but had to leave before his ministry report. No report was read.

**Youth:** Viviana Cajigas reported:

- Jan 20, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 20 Homeless Shelter Dinners
- Jan 23/24 Feast of St Francis de Sales – youth involved in liturgical ministry area's
- Jan 30 KC Kids Bingo – fun for all
- Feb 5 Personal Safety Ladies of all ages – this extended into the full 4 week course offered on Tuesdays in Feb and March
- Feb 19-21 HS/MS Retreat Wo-Me-To – great turnout and increased numbers. We needed to rent two cabins this year.
- Feb 27 KC Family Movie Night – Good turnout lots of youth help!
- Mar 4 Easter Egg Stuffing and March 26 Easter Egg Hunt – over 140 kids plus adults!
- Mar 19 Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage – we all walked in the rain! Our group led the rosary in War Memorial Plaza.
- Apr 1 Heroin Presentation by the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy. About 60 attended – wish more saw this wonderful presentation.

## **Coming up**

- May 6 Come FISH-ing – Welcome to middle school youth ministry 7-9pm Kilduff
- May 7 International Rosary and May Crowning after 5pm mass. All are welcome
- June 11 Craft/Yard Sale on parish grounds
- June 27-July 1 VBS Jonah and the Whale
- July 7 Guppy Gulch
- July 19 MS Messy/Water game night 7-9pm
- Aug 10 Hershey Park 8am-10pm
- Aug 16 Middle School Youth Leadership training

- Aug 27 Pool Party Box Hill North 8-11pm

***Good of the Council:***

An evacuation plan for Prince of Peace was displayed and a similar option was offered by Deacon Jim for use in our own parish. He will look into the pricing for such a plan to be placed in the pews.

The Parish Picnic is August 21<sup>st</sup>. We will need a chair for the picnic.

Father Garcia would like us to revise the pamphlets for marriage, funerals and first Friday adorations. Additionally, the guides for the sacristans will be revised and provided when completed.

***Council's Corner:***

The council would like to recognize Sally Raphael's accomplishment as the recipient of the 2016 International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN) Living Legends Award. This is quite a prestigious award for her field and certainly this is a cause for celebration.

The council would like to recognize the youth of our parish and their contribution during the Lenten and Easter services as well as the continued events coming up.

St. Francis Outreach saw 455 clients, distributed 455 food bags and assisted 163 families financially during the combined months of January, February and March.

The council would also like to thank Susan Gallagher for her service to the committee as chair over the past few years.

***Closing prayer:***

A prepared prayer was said by all. At the conclusion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Hardy  
Secretary