

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**September 8, 2014**

**MEETING PARTICULARS**

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was held in the Parish Center, starting at about 7:00 PM on Monday, September 8, 2014.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council Members Attending: Fr. Frank Latzko, Kate Lynch, Tom Micinski, Anna Althoff, Lina Hilko, Laura King, Alex Lopez, Rebecca O'Brien, Bert Olson, Justin Peters, Amir Rafizadeh

Council Members Absent: Addison Carpenter, Jessica Marx,

Others Attending:

**MINUTES**

**Opening Prayer – Fr. Frank**

Prayer tying to the upcoming Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Reflection to communicate that this marks an entrance into a “mini” time of preparation preceding Advent, which is also a liturgical season of preparation.

**PPC Organizational Business**

Introductions – All

Each member present introduced themselves to the group. Laura is a new PPC member.

Administrative Matters – Lina Hilko

- Role Changes: Paulo Basil has left the PPC. He was head of Stewardship column. Addison Carpenter, who has all along had interest in Stewardship, will now lead Stewardship. This leaves an opening for leadership of Evangelization.
- Need a Secretary. Bert Olson agreed to take role with the help/back-up of Anna Althoff.
- Prayer and food signups taken. November 10, 2014: both Bert. December 8, 2014: both Anna. January 12, 2015: both Rebecca. February 9, 2015: both Justin. March 9, 2015: both Tom. April 13, 2015: both Kate. May 11, 2015: prayer Amir, food Alex. June 8, 2015: both Laura.
- Discussion of PPC focus or theme for year.
  - Last year focus on enhancing and broadening parishioner engagement
  - Fr. Frank lifted up as important focal topics: dual anniversaries; renovation, including knowledge of its purpose, meaning, and symbols; strengthening our mission (which is the tag line for our anniversary logo/communications).
  - What is our mission?
    - To be a strong, visible Catholic presence in Lincoln Park, Chicago
    - To be the face and presence of Jesus
    - To know your faith; increase your knowledge; evangelize by sharing

## **Anniversary Year 2014/15 Planning**

- Local Caminos – four are planned
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in Oct: Meet at Daley Plaza, walk to St. Teresa's, eat dinner, and watch the movie The Way, which was filmed on the Camino and is about it.
  - Sat, Oct 11: Walk to and tour local neighborhood churches
  - Sat, Oct 18: Progressive Camino dinner; Spanish themed meal with each course at a different parishioner home
  - Sat, Oct 25: Simulate a day of the Camino by walking 12 miles along lakefront
- Camino: Fr. Frank goes Sept 29 thru Nov 10. Leaving with 3-4 parishioners.
  - Send off celebration will occur through Spaghetti Dinner on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>; kickoff
- Advent Mission: Lina and Kate trying to set up a reflection on St. Teresa through a DePaul resource
- Lent Mission: Lina to call Fr. John Paul Caffiero per Fr. Frank's suggestion
- Christi Fidelis Award: Fr. Frank discussed his intent to nominate a parish couple for this. Prayer service occurs Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Commemorative Anniversary Music CD – Since Paulo has left, we will drop this idea.
- Celebrations for "Re-opening" of renovated church: No update of substance
- Commemorative Anniversary Video: Is progressing
- Sr. Sandra Mission Support: Sr. Sandra is Pastoral Associate of Assumption Church near Stockton, CA, and she works with migrant workers. Fr. Frank met her in mid October when he went with two parishioners on a Catholic Extensions trip to learn about migrant workers in California and the missions supported by Catholic Extensions.
  - A letter is going to every parishioner asking for support of Sr. Sandra's mission (through Catholic Extensions) as a thanksgiving for our anniversary year
  - Will place a banner on side of rectory in a couple days
  - Sr. Sandra will attend all masses the weekend of Sept 27/28, and Spaghetti Dinner
- Renovated Church Guide Book: Fr. Frank may ask Tom Kosnik for help with project
- Marketing/PR: Logo is done. Working through city to get banners posted on Armitage.
- Lenten Book Club: Dropping this idea because already have many educational avenues.
- Adult Catechesis: Fr. Frank and Laura King will work to add such an educational effort.
- Calendar of Events: Anna Althoff stepped up to lead this
- Parking Lot Movie: Dropping this idea because Mike Rice is no longer on PPC, and The Way is going to be shown as part of local caminos anyway.

## **Standing Reports**

### Finance Update – Justin Peters

- Last meeting was before summer. In that meeting, they finalized 2014/15 budget.
- Land sale was finalized last Friday
- Finances good; summer collections seem up from last year; the move of liturgy space went smoothly and does not seem to have strong impact on finances.

### Building & Facilities – Tom Micinski

- Land sale completed and the demolishing has started.
- Church has been gutted. Front brick will break through for new windows next week. Not too many glitches found so far, which bodes well for contingency finances.

- Rectory – planning to redo roof now that have proceeds from land sale.

#### Committee Update: Faith Formation – Kate Lynch

- Catechism classes start this weekend: Sept 14<sup>th</sup>
- Currently have 10 brand new families enrolled
- 100% of last year’s 6th graders have moved up into EDGE (middle school/Confirmation)
- QUEST (high school) has officially joined forces with St. Michael’s. Once per month will meet here and once at St. M’s. 6PM Sunday mass followed by 2 hrs youth group.
  - Still looking for more male catechists; one new male stepped up last night upon 6PM mass appeal (Ben Sloan)
  - Sept 21 will be QUEST and youth mass kickoff
- French community will become registered parishioners; no longer treated as renters
  - St. Teresa will fund their priest for French masses
  - Will start having 2 masses per month in French (Saturday 6:30PM)
  - French high schoolers plan to join with QUEST
- SPRED, the catechism for children with special needs, continues strongly at St. T’s
- Tot program (age 0 to 3) has disbanded for lack of leadership; will try to re-start

#### Committee Update: Events/Fundraising – Rebecca O’Brien

- Time of Your Life update:
  - Sold 150 tickets in August against goal of 100. This is excellent progress compared to past experience. Trying to curb the “last minute” behavior typical of St. T’s. September messages will encourage “bring a friend.”
  - Have introduced a Gala Raffle with only 100 tickets to be sold at \$100 per. Prize is a choice of one of five nice trips.
  - Need to focus right now on live auction items; unattainable experiences.
  - Still seeking committee members: tech experience; videographer; procurement.
- Brief updates on Fiesta de Avila (no financial results yet, as such) and Spaghetti Dinner

#### Committee Update: Social Justice – Amir Rafizadeh

- Fiesta de Avila has extended meal coupons to Food Pantry guests for one free meal and drink. Amir wants to do the same for Loaves & Fishes guests.
- Food Pantry has successfully made its transition to weekly Saturday distributions
- Blood Drive will be held Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in a bus parked outside. We need 30-40 people to sign up to donate. Flyers will be posted and distributed in next couple weeks. Lina offered to set up VolunteerSpot for sign-ups and scheduling if useful.
- CPR classes are being offered at the parish for various parishioners active in ministries.

### **Pastoral Matters**

#### Church Renovation Orientation – Fr. Frank

Fr. Frank provided some orientation to key concepts of the new church design because PPC members should be ambassadors for the renovation

- Unifying vision of the renovation is Baptism because Baptism is the sacrament that unifies all Christians.

- The renovation offers a portal, a door opener, windows – let the light both out and in. Thru this, establish a dialogue between parish and world.
- The new font is a pool. Octagonal shape connects with the number 8 which is a symbol of the new Creation, the restoration of the new Eden, the time when Christ returns.
- Brass strips on floor provide an etching of a shell radiating out from altar. The shell reminds us of the water poured in Baptism. Each spine of this shell ends with a medallion representing an aspect of Creation. This mimics the Canticle of Creation of St. Francis.
- Fr. Frank will compose a prayer of mission we will say together after Communion.
- The shell pours out into the world to remind us that we are to pour out into the world.
- The goal is to transform our building from “prose into poetry,” from function into spirit/mission. The building should reflect something from the heart, not from a manual.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next PPC meeting will be October 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting ended at about 8:30PM.

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