

CHURCH OF ST. EULALIA
PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2011

PRESENT: Fr. Tom Nestor, Louise Cocuzzo, Frank Lombardo, Michael Angotti, Kathryn Davis, Jan Dolan, Adele Hamblett, Bob Hillis, Paul Kenrick, Marge McGlone, Jean Nolan, Moira Ounjian, Peter Pongratz, Andrew Regan, Stephanie Rogers, Joan Sweeney

VC Frank Lombardo welcomed the newly elected members, Matt Calvey, Mary Fiorentino, and Phil Waterman. Frank reminded them of the importance of serving on PPC especially in these difficult times for the church with the shortage of priests, difficult changes, and decisions in the future, and the necessity of evangelization.

An opening prayer was said and was followed by a Scripture reading from John. A brief meditation and discussion followed. Father Tom explained the opening procedures for PPC meetings to the newly elected members.

The May 11, 2011 PPC Meeting Minutes were accepted as amended.

COMMISSION REPORTS

FINANCE – No report was presented at this meeting.

LITURGY – Louise Cocuzzo reported that the Prayers of the Faithful will be recited in a number of foreign languages at all the Masses on Pentecost during the week-end of June 11/12.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Religious Education – Jan Dolan, Frank Lombardo, Marge McGlone, Jean Nolan, Andrew Regan – Reported that everything is in place for the start of RE in September for adopting and praying for individual elementary grades. Creating prayer cards with weekly topics is in process. The plan also includes praying for discussion groups of students in the higher grades.

Evangelization – Paul Kenrick has enthusiastically suggested that St. Eulalia consider using the program, **CO-WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD**, as a means to enrich faith and provide an opportunity for prayer and out-reach to parishioners and also to engage people beyond the

parish. This program is being done at a parish in Reading and seems to be enjoying enthusiastic participation.

Parish Life Enhancement – Kathryn Davis, Frank Lombardo, Moira Ounjian, Stephanie Rogers – Stephanie reported that the film, **AMISH GRACE**, was shown twice, once during Lent and then again during Holy Week. The film was well received, especially for the second showing. The Coffee and Conversation after Mass, which was scheduled at various Masses during the weekend was well received. It is hoped that this will continue with the possible addition of some other activities yet to be determined. Typically, coffee and doughnuts were served after the a.m. Masses but it has been suggested that maybe wine and cheese might be appropriate after the late afternoon Masses.

It is likely that these sub-committees will continue and possibly be re-formed to include a Collaboration Committee. These sub-committees have been very successful and should be open to the entire parish and not be restricted to PPC members only.

After the election procedures were explained for the benefit of the newly elected members, the election was held. Congratulations to Michael Angotti and Marge McGlone who were elected as Vice Chair and Asst. Vice Chair respectively.

REMINDER DATES

- June 10, 2011 – Mass and Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the “White House”
- September 17, 2011 – Arlington Town Day – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Committee to be formed at the September 7, 2011 PPC meeting
- September 18, 2011 – Parish Picnic after the 11:15 Mass – The date was changed from September 11, the tenth anniversary of the World Trade Center tragedy, so as not to conflict with various Memorial Services commemorating that date. Mike Angotti, Kathryn Davis, Jan Dolan, Marge McGlone, Peter Pongratz, and Stephanie Rogers have volunteered to serve on the picnic planning committee

Sign-up sheets were distributed for:

1. Pre-PPC Mass coverage for the week-end of September 3rd, 2011;
2. Scripture Readings for the remainder of the 2011 and 2012 PPC meetings;
3. Contact information/email addresses for PPC members.

UPDATES

Collaboration with St. Mary’s – **CHANGING THE FACE OF THE CHURCH**, a handbook to help with collaboration and planning for the church of the future was distributed. The first joint meeting

of St. Mary's and St. Eulalia's PPCs was a little bit tense but subsequent meetings have been cordial and more relaxed. Significant changes are coming so it is very important to be proactive and not reactive. Father James Laughlin did a wonderful presentation at St. Eulalia's on merging parishes. He has been successful in doing that in Wayland. He acknowledged that the demographics and size of the Winchester/Arlington parishes greatly differ from those in Wayland which are much smaller. Each parish situation is unique and must be approached with great sensitivity. Because of the uniqueness of parishes, no "cookie-cutter" model can be applied. Fr. Jim suggested forming committees, i.e., a logistics committee to decide on what would be the best model. He suggested soliciting volunteers from both parishes but be explicit about the expertise needed in specific areas. Not all volunteers are necessarily the right people for the job at hand. PPC members suggested that St. Eulalia's should continue to host guest speakers who can address the issues of collaboration. Also suggested was that the next joint meeting with St. Mary's projected for the fall should be some kind of social, that is, a pot luck supper at the White House, or getting similar groups from both parishes together to socialize in some way. There should be some discussion with St. Mary's because they may have some suggestions for different activities. A joint Mass on Winchester Common might be a possibility for September 2012.

Father Tom suggested that the Archdiocesan Planning Committee is just getting organized and is moving cautiously. This committee comprises people from various parishes and is chaired by Msgr. Fay. He and this committee have an enormous task ahead of them.

NEW ROMAN MISSAL – Fr. Gregory Hoppough from Blessed John 23rd Seminary did a presentation on the wording changes in the Liturgy. He is very enthusiastic about the changes and encouraged us to come away feeling very proud. The changes will affect the Gloria, the Creed, and the Canon and other prayers and will begin on the first Sunday of Advent 2011. The changes are more faithful to the Scripture. It will take some time for people to feel comfortable with them. Some feel disappointed and frustrated and don't fully appreciate the changes and some feel that inviting "Catholics to Come Home" and then telling them there are changes might be a little confusing.

Father Tom sees the changes as a potentially enriching experience and an opportunity to become more aware of the meaning of Mass. This translation from the Latin is already in place in other countries.

After the Parish Mission to be held on October 3,4,5, 2011, Adele Hamblett may introduce a program called, **LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS**, which describes the changes in a small group discussion format. In the meantime, announcements about the changes will be regularly appearing in the bulletin.

PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

A person is very happy that parish is moving forward with changes.

Some like new music but others find it hard to follow.

A person who is not a parishioner comes to Mass regularly because it is such a wonderful experience and is very appreciative of the hospitality.

The Statue of Jesus behind the altar should be illuminated more. He seems to be in the shadows.

Could there be more collections for disasters, i.e., Missouri, Springfield, MA?

Could we possibly have votive candles?

Before adjourning the meeting, Fr. Tom thanked Frank Lombardo, Bobby Hillis, Adele Hamblett, and Joan Sweeney for all their hard work and dedication during their tenure on PPC and wished them well in the future. Father closed the meeting by offering a prayer of thanksgiving for the commitment of Council members and asking the Holy Spirit for continued enlightenment especially as we make difficult decisions which have to be made in the church which will affect the churches future.

Next meeting – September 7, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Mullin, Secretary