

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
June 1, 2016**

Old Business

These amendments to the Parish Pastoral Council constitution were approved:

1. Article IV –Officers. Change second sentence to read: The officers shall be selected by members of the Parish Council at the last meeting of the current fiscal year to serve in the upcoming fiscal year.
2. Article VIII – Meeting Schedules and Attendance. Change Section A to read: At the last meeting of the fiscal year the Pastoral Council shall formulate and approve its yearly schedule for the upcoming fiscal year.

Officers for 2016-2017 were elected: Michael Case, Chairman; Mark O'Loughlin, Vice-chairman; Carlene Hamilton, Secretary.

Meeting dates for 2016-2017 were set: September 7, November 9, January 4, March 1, May 3.

New Business

None

Organization Reports

The West Deanery Corpus Christi celebration at St. Mary Magdalene Church on May 29 was well attended; eight parishioners and the pastor from St. Cecilia participated. Parish activities include: Food distribution on the last Friday of the month (St. Agnes Parish); K. C. pancake breakfast on Father's Day (SS. Simon and Jude); Saint Mary Magdalene Festival (Mexican dishes have been added to their food tent); yard sale, festival, and Walking with Purpose (St. Cecilia). Some Vacation Bible Schools will be held in the evenings.

At the end of the fourth week of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, 152 families from St. Cecilia Parish had pledged \$51,920.

The difficulty of having bingo volunteers keep their commitments as well as having split shifts were discussed.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled: the number of children attending has dwindled over the years and there were not enough enrolled this year to justify the financial costs and volunteer effort. Plans are to redesign the program in 2017 and perhaps offer it in the evenings when it could be easier for working parents to get their children to and from the church.

Seven students from St. Cecilia Parish will participate in Gospel Road, which is a "work camp" with the students doing service projects (e.g., painting homes, ...). Six young people from St. Cecilia Parish attended Catholic Youth Summer Camp. The Edge middle school group held its last regular night of the school year on May 7 with 32 students, including 15 fifth graders attending. The last Parents Night Out for the school year was on May 13. The high school group will meet in mid-June for an afternoon of paintball.

Michael and Brenda Case will co-chair the Snacks and Pop booth at the Parish Festival. The contract with the ride company has been sent to the Diocese for approval.

The Knights of Columbus Blood Drive in May went well. The Knights have landscaped around the parish sign on Norton Road.

St. Cecilia will join three other parishes in co-sponsoring an evening event (7:00-10:00 p.m.), "Reboot Live: Rediscovering the Life God Created for You," on March 29, 2017, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Chris Stefanick is the presenter; the primary audience is young adults, however, his dynamic

presentation appeals to all ages. A team of 10 to 15 or 20 will be needed; six training sessions will be held beginning in September. There is no cost to the parish, but there is a fee of \$19 per person attending.

The morning Masses and four plenary sessions at the Divine Renovation program will be available on Livestream.

Efforts to launch Walking with Purpose at St. Cecilia are underway. The program will be held on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. beginning June 30 and run through August 4. About 27 people are studying the book, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* by Brant Pitre, on Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. A handful of new parishioners have expressed a desire to help with pastoral care of the sick and a training session will be held in the near future. Plans and preparations continue for a long-term bereavement ministry. A desk has been placed in the Gathering Space; it is hoped that this will be the new location for a "Welcome Center" for all coming to St. Cecilia.

The bookcases which were in the parish office conference room have been moved to the Gathering Space for the Parish Lending Library. The check-out sheets indicate that the most popular subjects in the library are Spiritual Life and the Catholic Church. There are nineteen "frequent borrowers": Ten people have checked out items three times, and nine others, two times. Items are being returned in a timely manner.

May was a busy month for the Communications Team: the second issue of the re-designed *News from the Pews* was published and the weekly bulletin was launched. The next issues of the newsletter are scheduled for delivery August 19 and November 18. The parish has received brochures with advertising rates from Guide Book Publishing; several parishes have published a guidebook within the past year and this could be considered by St. Cecilia.

Baseball and softball seasons are over: The softball teams went a combined 21-2 this season and the sixth/seventh team won the overall championship and went 12-0. At least one parent of all students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades who play sports in 2016-2017 must have completed the Parent Like a Champion class. Signups for fall sports will begin in June; commissioners and coaches are needed. School visits to meet with young men who will be in Grades 4-8 and interested in Western Irish Football were held. All Columbus Diocese football will be joining the USA football program and the Head Up training sponsored nationally and by the NFL. The Diocese has increased the fee to \$22 a player to help cover the insurance that now comes with this program. Practice for Western Irish is expected to start the week of August 8; season will begin August 18; the annual football camp is scheduled for the week of August 1.

#### Pastor's Report

Mrs. Deborah Adamczak has accepted the position of principal of St. Cecilia School beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

The offices of the pastoral associate for adult ministry (Kathy Maggied) and the pastoral associate for youth ministry (Katie Wohrle) have moved to the main parish office area, thus the entire full-time pastoral staff are in one building.

Father is pleased with the format and appearance of the Sunday bulletin; looking forward to attending the Divine Renovation Conference made possible by a grant from the Catholic Foundation; excited that we will have the Walking with Purpose Program which will be an excellent complement to the That Man Is You Program; and is saddened by canceling Vacation Bible School because of lack of numbers.

Mark O'Loughlin led the closing prayer.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, **September 7, 2016**, in Meeting Room A.