

St. Paul Parish Council Meeting
October 24, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Parish Council Members in attendance: Father Drea, Janine Duffy, Michael Picold, Peter Becker, Laura Garcia, Claire Riley, Kathryan Poon, Marisa O'Boyle, David Orozco, John Robinson, Andy Griswold

Finance Committee Members in attendance: Dave Dankens

Absent Members: Dick Peisch, Danielle Olveczky, Jeff Christoforetti, Tom Kohler,

Opening Prayer: Father Drea

Election for Vice Chair:

Laura Garcia and Janine Duffy both spoke about why they wanted to run for Vice Chair. Election took place and Laura Garcia was voted Vice Chair. Fr. Drea thanked them both for running.

Finance Committee: Dave Dankens

- Complex building issues at St. Paul; capitol improvement needs and maintenance needs.
- Principle issue is dealing with water infiltration in air ducts. The initial problem has been solved.
- The building is from 1923 and "in excellent shape for the shape it's in" with a lot of originals.
- Work needs to be done on the windows, electricity, heating, lighting, and wiring.

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- Reviewed the problem of when the plaster fell off the arch above the lectern on Easter Sunday two years ago. Summer 2010 the loose plaster was removed and netting put in place to protect it.
- Plan moving forward; cutting and painting from shaft up. Bidding of contractors to begin Spring 2012. \$150,000 for air shaft reconstructing.
 - \$30,000 from Cambridge Preservation grant (had requested \$50,000). Still need \$120,000.
- Then will need to look at how to restore the arch. This will also cost about \$150,000.
- Two months of construction. Will have staging up 4 sides of tower.
- Workers found through the archdiocese.
- The Finance committee will continue to deal with these issues and keep everyone informed.

Pastor's Report:

New Roman Missal updates:

- New Roman Missal talk with Msr. James Maroney will be on Sunday, 10/30 at 3pm. He gave the presentation already to the priests and it was very good and accessible.

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- Beginning of November there will be 2,000 pew cards with the new responses to the Mass.
- Nice booklet on scriptural references with missal being distributed.
- 5th and 6th of November- all priests asked to tailor homilies to the new missal.
- Saturday, 10/29, Fr. Baldivan giving an explanation of new missal to all ministries including lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers etc.
- Will be a challenge to change but will be good; new language will center and elevate us.
- Have already had 2 sessions on the new musical responses as well that were well attended.

Finance updates: By Fr. Drea from Jim Perrin

- Annual report will hopefully be semi-annually or quarterly; should come out in 2 weeks.
- Doing well financially. The deficit was reduced. Will have a Presentation at Mass.
- November 12th and 13th Fr. Drea will preach at all the Masses on theological understanding of why we give. Keep this in your prayers for the good of the parish.

Upcoming Events:

- November 2nd- All Souls Day- Gabriel Faure Requiem- boys choir and men's schola. Concert is free of charge.
- Bob Kiely's new book discussion on November 13th- lecture on saints from his new book.

Choir School:

- Fr. Drea and Bill McIver attended convention for Catholic Schools. Heard announcement that Choir School in the top percentile on standardized tests with 6-8 school group. Fr. Drea will send out this information to council members.
- Requested to add a 4th grade to the school. Trend to bring boys in earlier to train voices before they change, since they are changing earlier. Cardinal Sean will be deciding this in 2 weeks.
- School doing well – helps with recruitment.

Undergrads CSA:

- Increased events.
- Knights and daughters doing a lot.
- Spreading the word for the survey to undergrads.
- Small groups – some more successful than others. May be too splintered for freshman.

Committee Reports

Parish Survey:

- Not much to report until done. Runs through the end of October. Encourage people to take it.
- Close to 200 have responded so far. Can do so electronically and on paper.

Parish Picnic: Laura Garcia

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- Discussion of how picnic went: since it rained picnic went inside to Digiovanni hall. Brought up that it would be better to have the picnic outside. Multiple members agreed, especially for kids to enjoy it. Suggestion to have a rain date next year instead.
- Next time need to make it more obvious that the picnic is a potluck. Possibly on sign and discussion say 'Picnic and Potluck', not just picnic.
- Suggested to have more games next time.
- Possibly have the picnic in the spring instead of the fall, so the weather would be better and it won't be as busy. Will look at dates in May at Danehy park.
- Another idea for building community- have a spaghetti supper social program in the parish.

Announcement:

Pastoral Planning Commision: Laura Garcia

- A city by city plan. Members of the parishes in Cambridge met to discuss different ways of sharing resources. No plan for closing parishes, but planning ahead for possible priest sharing and making certain Mass times at each parish not overlap. Other ways of sharing resources as well to be more cost effective.
- Possibly sharing religious Ed, city youth group and social things like retreats and fun activities.
- Laura brought up the pro-life march and members from other parishes wanted to join in as well.
- Language barrier with some churches, since some have mainly Spanish and Portugese speaking members.
- There is no timeline for changes. Just getting ideas going. Next meeting in January.

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- The pastor from St. Peter's led the meeting but no one from the archdiocese was there.
- Laura will add a handout from the meeting to the meeting minutes.

Next Meeting: December 5th

Closing Prayer: Father Drea

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.