

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: May 16, 2013**

**Place: Parish Activities Center**

Fr. Colarusso	P	Dino Cuscuna	P	Dennis Ebert	-	Carmen O'Rourke	-
Deacon Sumner	P	Janice DeHart	P	Joanne Fitzpatrick	P	Freddy Santosuosso	-
Erica Bukowski	P	Rosemarie DeLacy	P	Roc O'Connell	P		

P = Present at meeting

Meeting commenced at 7:45 PM with an opening prayer by Rosemarie DeLacy.

**1. Review of previous meeting minutes**

Minutes from the Mar. 2013 meeting were unanimously accepted as written. (NOTE: there was no PPC meeting held in April).

**2. Parishioner Comments**

- A parishioner asked, via a PPC member, if weekday morning prayer could be alternated with the Rosary. The PPC suggested that the Rosary could follow the weekday morning Mass. Deacon Neil will bring the suggestion to the "morning Mass" group for their opinion.
- A parishioner asked, via a PPC member, if the Hail Mary could be recited after the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. The PPC proposed that the prayer be recited during the remaining Sundays during the month of May. Fr. Colarusso will implement on the weekend of May 18/19.
- A parishioner asked, via a PPC member, if bells could be rung during the consecration. Bells were originally rung in large cathedrals and when Mass was celebrated in Latin, to indicate when the consecration was occurring for the benefit of those who could not see the altar or that did not understand Latin. While the symbolic and spiritual aspect of the bell ringing remains, the PPC decided to not restore the practice at this time.

**3. Pastor Update:**

- Our Music Director, Marcia Cutlip will be retiring effective June 30. She has selected cantor led music that will be used during the summer while Mass is held in the PAC while renovations are ongoing in the church. A search committee, including choir members, will be formed to select the new director.
- Church interior renovations
  - Architect, James Hundt will present final drawings at the end of May.
  - The church will be closed starting July 1 for the asbestos abatement project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed no sooner than the end of August. Mass will be celebrated in the PAC.
  - Consideration is being given to incorporate the driveway cut-ins while Haverhill Street is being repaired. While this would save money in the long-run, sufficient funds are not available to cover this work at this time along with the interior work. Options being considered by the Parish Finance Council include accelerating pledge payments or a bridge loan from the Archdiocese based on pledges.

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**4. PPC member selection process**

Several options for councilor selection used at other parishes were reviewed including, Multi-meeting Discernment, Nominations Committee, Open Elections, Pastor Appointment and various hybrids. Given the difficulty experienced in past elections in attracting a sufficient number of candidates for an effective election and the fact that such a process becomes a popularity contest as less well known, yet qualified candidates, are reluctant to run, the PPC decided to implement a new selection process.

Based on the size of our parish, it was decided that the best match would be a PPC-selection committee that solicits nominations of qualified candidates, conducts interviews and gives prayerful consideration in determining a slate of councilors that will be presented to the Parish for their consideration and approval. The qualities being sought in potential candidates include, interest/willingness to serve, enthusiasm, orthodoxy in the Catholic faith, experience working in other committees (including outside of St. Athanasius), accepting of working in a collaborative parish and thinking of the New Evangelization. The goal is to have a well balance PPC that includes young adults, members of young families, seniors and cultural diversity to bring in other Catholic traditions to the discussion.

Nominations were reviewed in executive session. Nominees will be contacted by selection committee members by 5/23.

Erica, Janice and Rosemarie - terms expiring this month.

New members to take office in June 2013.

**5. Ministry development/support and Evangelization.**

- Welcoming/Greeter Ministry (Lisa Tavoletti ministry lead). Brainstorming meeting was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Team will kick-off activities in September, including participating in the Baptism Preparation meetings where many new families first experience St. Athanasius.
- Summer Bible camp (discuss with Jo-Ann Rossi). The PPC recommended that Jo-Ann proceed with investigating actions required and to proceed if she thinks that it is feasible to start this summer.
- Wedding Vow Renewal Celebration Mass and Dinner (Rosemarie). Considering Sunday afternoon celebration to be held before Advent.
- Recommend Reading Booklist on website (John Silva)  
<http://stathanasiusreading.org/bookshelf>  
Book Club live and/or on-line. – Dino in discussions with parishioner(s) to lead group.
- Start Women's Sodality group (Maryanne Cuscuna investigating). Kick-off meeting held May 11 to begin drafting mission, charter and discuss potential activities. Ministry will kick-off in September hosting a coffee hour. Brochure to be published describing role of the group and activities that they will undertake.
- Wine Tasting (sponsored by the Parish Finance Council). Bernie Horn looking at potential dates in June.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night (Parish Pastoral Council) – Janice/Rosemarie planning for Saturday evening in the Fall, potentially Sep 14.

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**6. Closing Prayer – Fr. Colarusso**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM**

**Next Meeting:** June 20, 2013

Adoration: 7:00-7:30 PM

Meeting: ~7:30 –9:00 PM

Opening prayer: Freddy Santosuosso

**Respectively submitted, Dino F. Cuscuna**