

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Pastoral Council

November 3, 2011

The November 3, 2011, Parish Council meeting opened at 8:00 pm. Ken Centazzo chaired the meeting and Monsignor King presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Beard	Carol Haak
Steve Bucciferro	Bev James
Joseph Bytof	Alex Manning
John Duggan	David Mills
Patrick Edwards	Joseph Nebistinsky
Colleen Erickson	Barbara Stratis
Marian Fulcomer	

PARISHIONERS PRESENT: Pat Lambert; Paula Edwards, and Father Tri

Ken Centazzo led the opening prayer.

MINUTES: Steve Bucciferro, motion to approve September, 2011 Minutes;
Second, Bev James. Minutes approved.

MISSION REPORTS:

Education and Outreach

Colleen Erickson reported the following:

Trinity High School:

Discussions focused on the continued renovations and expansion of the school. They are looking for more options into raising money for the Annual Campaign, including reaching out to more alumni and businesses. Continued improvements are moving forward in phases over a 5 – 10 year period. Next board meeting is in mid-November.

RCIA:

RCIA is in full swing for the year, the 6th class for this term. There are (6) six new people plus (1) returning student and (1) young woman joining in December, for a total of (8) eight students. No certainty yet as to how many students are expected to complete the course. If all complete, (4) baptisms and (4) First Eucharist's & Confirmation.

Tues Men's & Women's Groups:

Nothing to report

Carol Haak reported the following:

Marriage Mentoring

Wanda Newcomer reported that one couple they had worked with got married outside this parish. There are no new assignments at this time.

Adult Bible Study:

Carol Holder, who leads the morning class, reported that they would finish their *Biblical Walk Through the Mass* on Wednesday, November 2nd. The class has been very well received. She has had about 30 people regularly attending. There has been tremendous participation in these sessions. At the November 2nd class, they discussed what direction the class would like to go for the next topic. Interest has been raised on: Different Religions of the World, Proverbs, and Acts of the Apostles. They will discuss and decide which topic they would like to begin when classes resume in January.

Donna Nebistinsky leads the evening sessions. She reported that they also are finishing up with the *Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. This class has had tremendous participation. They have 25-30 people regularly attending. Everyone seems to be really enjoying the class. They are planning to meet one or two times in December to watch a DVD by Matthew Kelley called “7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality.” They will discuss and decided which program to begin in January.

St. Joseph School:

Mary Ernest reported that school has been going well. The school had “The Mobile Ag Science Lab” visiting for one week that provided hands-on science lessons and experiments. Half of this was paid by the school and the other half was paid by a sponsorship from the Cumberland County Farm Bureau. The Science lab received rave reviews from parents, teachers, and students.

Fall enrichment clubs have been underway which meet after school. The clubs include knitting, origami, Lego building, and computer digital scrap booking.

In September nurses who presented a program, entitled “Germ City” visited the school. They demonstrated proper hand washing technique and used an ultraviolet light after the children washed their hands to show how many germs are left on their hands.

This is the third month of having “reading dogs.” Second grade students are able to read to the therapy dogs that help the students with nervousness in reading aloud, and help with fluency – the kids love it.

There was a field trip to Mt. Saint Mary’s for the Sixth Grade students on October 7th. The purpose of this trip was to increase awareness of vocations. They visited the seminary and were given a tour by a seminarian. This seminarian spoke to the students about his life in the seminary.

Fire Prevention Week was the week of October 10th. Mechanicsburg fire fighters visited K – 3rd Grade. Fire trucks were on site for the students to look at.

The *Math 24 Club* is available for grades 5-6. It meets once a month and Trinity High School students come to play the game “Math 24” to help students with their math skills. The *Math Counts Club* meets once a week for Grades 6-8.

“Red Ribbon Week” was recently held which promotes drug awareness and prevention, and internet safety.

A food drive is underway through November 21st to collect food and necessary items for the “Carry the Light Ministries” in Mechanicsburg.

Mrs. Earnest stated that their goal is to continue to increase enrollment and she asks people of the parish to spread the word about their quality Catholic education. She also asks people of the parish to look at the wish list provided in the church bulletin and donate any items if possible.

John Dwyer is the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish liaison on the Board of the St. Joseph School. He reported that there are 360 students enrolled in the school, and 33 Pre-K students. There are 270 families. They are entertaining the idea of instituting a Junior National Honor Society. He also reported that they are looking for a parking lot attendant. This is a volunteer position to direct traffic in the parking lot of the school on school days from 7:30 – 8:00 am, and 2:45 to 3:15 p. He asked that we post this volunteer opportunity to our parishioners.

Monsignor King spoke briefly concerning Senate Bill 1, which was approved, that now has a tougher fight in the House. He requested that we contact our State officials concerning these bills.

Steve Bucciferro reported the following:

Religious Education:

CCD Updates: Saturday, November 5th – Snow make-up day for Confirmation Retreat 9:00 am – 6:45 pm – Emmitsburg, Maryland. CCD Student’s Reconciliation 6:40 – 8:00 pm on November 7th and 9th. Children’s Liturgies at 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses beginning November 27th – December 18th. Wednesday, January 4th there is an Eighth Grade Parent Meeting, and Monday, January 9th there is a First Penance parent meeting.

The Monday night CCD students attended the October 31st Vigil Mass. The 7th and 8th grade students helped the First and Second grade students during Mass.

The pre-school and kindergarten students will take up food items at the Offertory at the 9:00 am Mass on November 20th. The food items will be taken to New Hope Ministries, and on Sunday, December 18th at the 9:00 am Mass students will take baby items. These items will be given to Lourdes House for unwed mothers.

Youth Group:

November 6th is a regular meeting of the Youth Group in the Parish Center. Bring a friend!

The Youth Group will have a brunch for military families in our parish (current and former members) on Sunday, November 13th from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Two service projects that the Youth Group are participating: (1) C.A.T.R.A. this group helps take care of animals at this special farm devoted to helping children and adults with special needs. "Sidewalking" and cleaning out stables are just some of the experiences. The group will leave our parking lot at 8:30 am on Saturday November 5th. They should return by noon.

The other project is Canine Rescue in Dillsburg. Dog lovers unite! The group will travel to Dillsburg on Wednesday evening, October 26th to help walk and take care of puppies and dogs. Time or donations are appreciated.

The "Lock-out" is December 3rd – 4th. Mass is at 5:30 PM, then they will hit the road for adventure and fun. The wee hours of the morning will find them back at the Parish Center for games, movies, and some R&R. The cost is \$35 for the all night event. You must register by noon on December 2nd.

Each Saturday some members of the Group serve breakfast to the homeless at the Cathedral in Harrisburg.

The Group will go caroling on December 11th at Messiah Village, and will end the day with a gift exchange back at the Seton Center.

Wreath sales are the weekends of November 12th and 19th. The wreaths will be distributed on December 3rd and 4th. A few good muscles are needed to help unload and distribute the wreaths.

November 16th – 20th fifteen pilgrims head to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Members of the Group will attend the "Rally for Life" and Youth Mass in Washington, DC on Monday, January 23rd.

Liturgy and Worship

Pat Edwards reported the following:

Altar Servers

Don Wargo reported there are teams of servers totaling 75. There are fifteen teams with five on a team. He is considering scheduling a refresher session. There is nothing additional to report.

Ushers

Bob Gaumer had nothing new to report.

Music Ministry

Stephen Stringer reported:

The Choir has been making great strides in many areas musically, as well as spiritually. Over the last month, the choir has successfully worked with

guest musicians and soloists. December will be no different. We will continue to bring in professional musicians, as well as talented parishioners from our own church. They succeed in bringing a meaningful addition to the mass. Their rehearsals consist of traditional (and untraditional) warm-ups, sectional rehearsals and rehearsal as a group. As of today, the choir will prepare to say goodbye to their friend and longtime singing mate, Carol Durkish. In addition to the arduous preparation for Sunday Choral Anthems and the upcoming Christmas Season, the choir will also represent Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in a Prayer Service of Thanksgiving at The First Church of God Community Center on Thanksgiving Eve. The Choir continues to grow in numbers, something for which I am very proud. The choir and cantors will also lead and teach the congregation many of the new mass settings and responses. With so many things going on, it is a gift to have such dedicated people in this church to rely on for help. We are blessed!

Joe Nebistinsky reported the following:

Lectors:

Tom Schuetz says that he discussed meeting with Monsignor King to exchange information about the Lectors. We have a several people who are interested in being lectors and a very stable group currently. He needs to discuss how to handle this with Monsignor King. No other issues present themselves at this time

Adoration Hour:

Henry Aschenbrenner has nothing to report.

Cursillo:

Our Utryea monthly meetings are on the third Thursday of the month. These meetings have been very successful since we have started hosting them at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We are also working on a Cursillo informational bulletin insert. .

Barbara Stratis reported:

Altar Linens:

Donna England reports that the fabric has been cut for replacement linens, and will be sewn by Mary Baker Nee.

Children's Liturgies:

The Children's Liturgy is being organized for Advent. These Liturgies will be held in the Bailey Conference during, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am Masses starting the First Sunday of Advent (November 27th). The children will leave prior to the First Reading and return after the General Intercessions.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Gene Olinger reports that all is quiet with the present group of Ministers.

He expressed a concern as to the need for a possible new "Ministry of the Sick?" This would be for homebound parishioners. At present, Rita Shurilla, and Gene Olinger take Communion to individuals who are homebound. A discussion followed as to

how to know who is homebound and wants to receive Communion, and how many ministers would be needed. Currently, Messiah Village residents are covered well. They are visited twice a week, and Father Tri says Mass at Messiah once a month.

Service

Ken Centazzo reported the following:

Knights of Columbus Council 4068:

The annual soccer free kick event was on September 17 and drew 26 contestants.

1st Degree: – 17 Nov 11 @ St Theresa's. Candidates should arrive at 6:30 with sponsors to register. The ceremony begins at 7 PM

Sunday Nov 20 – Council 4068 Memorial Mass for deceased Knights during past year – Scheduled for 11 AM Mass at SEAS. Knights are invited to attend a pay as you go Buffet at Hoss' restaurant immediately after the Mass.

After each weekend Mass in November the Knights will be hosting a Christmas Card Sale.

Sat 7 or 14 Jan – BB Free Throw Event at Eagle View Middle School from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM.

Our Council will again sponsor the billboard on Route 15 this Christmas Season. The billboard has a picture of the nativity scene and states "Keep Christ in Christmas and ads "Support our Troops". The billboard also lists the K of C councils that sponsored the billboard.

Council meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of the month at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, with the next meetings at 7:00 PM on November 15 and December 6 and 20.

John Duggan reported the following:

St. Francis Soup Kitchen:

Anne Birch. - The volunteers involved continue to pick up bread and pastries twice a week (Monday and Thursdays) at the Cumberland Parkway Giant for delivery to the Saint Francis Soup Kitchen. She stated that the recent notice in the Parish Bulletin produced more support than needed. She is very pleased they now have back-ups in case of last minute emergencies.

St. Francis Special Needs Apostolate:

Father John Bednarik has replaced Father Kevin Thompson as pastor. Father John reported that the funds from our mission collection continue to be used for rental assistance, transportation needs and other emergency needs. Their biggest need continues to be rental assistance. Pat Lambert reported that the monthly mission collection amounts delivered to St. Francis the past few months is as follows: July (\$530.00); August (\$392.10); September (\$497.50) and October (\$723.00). Father

Bednarik is appreciative of our mission and asked that I thank Msgr. King, Father Tri and the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton for their support.

Brief discussion about this ministry. Maybe our parish should be better informed as to what this ministry is.

Food Bank:

Kathy Ludwig - Reports that she continues to collect non-perishable food items and household staples for delivery to New Hope Ministries. She continues to collect items for delivery the first Sunday of every month. She reported that she had adequate support for this mission.

Bev James supplied the following:

Respect Life Ministry:

Presently the Respect for Life Ministry is doing an excellent job in their mission. The Ministry does need a person willing to oversee the direction of the group. As previously reported, Pat Buck is looking to have less responsibility, but not be less involved. Pete Fludovich agreed to the “spokes person” to report to Council, but he is unsure as to how much leadership he wanted to take. The Time & Talent sheets were reviewed to see who was interested in participating in this Ministry. This group is a powerfully strong group of faith and prayer, but they are frustrated that more people do not participate. Maybe there should be more activities and fewer meetings. They discussed having at least one activity a quarter that focuses on the stages of life.

Pat Buck is a caseworker at Morning Star and she is going to let the group know what they could do to help at Morning Star. It was also discussed what could be done to help out at Lourdes House. Renee Ramp, a member of our parish, is a caseworker there and she is going to let the Group know what can be done to help.

Low income nursing facilities or helping at a soup kitchen were also discussed. The unsettled matter is since no one presently active wants to “head” the ministry.

Shawl Ministry:

Could not reach Jan Craugh for a report, but the group has started to meet.

Kim Robyak reported the following:

College & Military Outreach- Cindy Voggenreiter

Cindy planned to contact Msgr. King with any email addresses that she had. She also planned to discuss if postal mail was an option, as some military members are unable to receive email.

Cindy also reports that we had an excellent response of donations for the College & Military Outreach. All registered college & military parishioners were sent a care package. Another donation drive will take place in spring 2012.

Messiah College Newman Club - Cathy Poisez

The Newman Club has been very busy in October.

- 1) The newly formed Newman Club Outreach Committee met with a few new freshmen in the Dining Hall on Tues, Oct 11 to hang out and see how they were adjusting. The two new students who showed up enjoyed the one-on-one time with other upper class students.
- 2) Gospel Reflection Group on campus, led by Dani, a junior, continues each Saturday morning. On average 1 - 2 students participate.
- 3) Msgr. King hosted a Newman Club breakfast at the Rectory on Sun, Oct 9. About 10 students participated and enjoyed the time with Msgr. King. We all really appreciated him opening his home to the students.
- 4) Two dinners took place in October in homes of Messiah College staff members, and on average 8 - 10 students participated. One night was also a dinner plus movie night. Students enjoyed the home atmosphere to kickback and relax.

Community

Kim Beard reported on the following:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Debbie Lappano reported that she and Sam might not be able to be in charge of the dinner this year. She plans to speak to committee members and will then contact Monsignor King.

Special Needs Ministry:

No report.

Elizabeth's Visitors Food Ministry:

Amy Rodgers reported that they took three meals to one mother and family. Everything went well.

Joseph Bytof reported:

Parish Care Ministry:

Janice Athens reports that there is nothing new, and that she needs no assistance at this time.

Holy Name Blood Bank:

Brent Langley reports that there are no issues at this time. The October 16th Blood Drive was considered a success with 31 registered donors, and 25 units collected. The Central Penn Blood Bank and Brent are collaborating on the next date. The hope is for a date sometime in January, since this is a time of increased blood demand.

Food Certificates:

Monique Abas reports that there is a transition in the handling of the grocery gift cards. She is working to have someone directly from St. Joseph's handle the certificates rather than a separate member of the three parishes. Things were "not very smooth" with the previous method. Apparently, some of the certificates had been disappearing. This

liaison may end up being a member of the school board from the parish. The frequency of sales was unclear. It could be anywhere from one month to every week. The certificates are also offered on the school website. For the month of November, a 5% tuition credit will go to the child selling the card. The usual credit is 2.5% to the child.

Picnic:

Dan Cassidy reports everything is dormant right now.

Marian Fulcomer reported the following:

Apple Festival:

Pete and Brenda Fludovich reported that the total profit for this year's Apple Festival, to date, is \$29,222.20. This includes everything from the Craft Show and Bake Sale in December, 2010 to the Pancake Breakfast that was held in October.

The final report will be given after the results of the Craft Show and Bake Sale to be held on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Beginning next year, all activities for the Apple Festival will be kept in the same calendar year. Last year's total was \$28,609.07. The difference between this year and last year, so far, is \$613.13. This year's total will include craft and bake sales from two years. Copies of the post festival report were distributed to Council members.

Children's Socials:

Gina Espenshade reported that the children's Christmas Party will be held on December 10th. No money has been spent for this at this time.

Parish Library:

Barb Sheeron stated that she received some donations of videos and DVD's, but there was nothing else new to report.

Craft Group:

Elizabeth Madigan said the Christmas and Craft Show and Bake Sale will be on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. There was nothing else to report.

Alex Manning reported:

Easter Eggs- Spoke with Pat Sabo. The first 15K bags are ready to be labeled by the confirmation students. In all they expect to sell about 40K+ eggs this year. They are on schedule.

One teak is that they have gone to all three suppliers and asked them to give them a bid for all of the business. Dutch Kitchen has responded with an excellent bid and they are waiting to hear from Gross and Karns. If the bidding is close, Karns will be award the contract.

Funeral Luncheons- Spoke with Janet Wargo who has taken over from Kay Hanus. There have been five funeral luncheons in the past few weeks. The system has held up well and there is nothing that she needs at this time. They have over 75 volunteers.

Parish Administration

Finance:

Dave Mills reported the following:

Mr. Joe Powell reports that the fiscal year 2010/11 expenses came in under budget and that the income projections were over budget. All of the bills were paid and there is an excess of \$290,000 to be deposited in the savings account.

The First Quarter (July – September, 2011) looks good. Income and expenses are in line with projected Budget.

The Lenten Appeal 2011/2012 goal was \$141,000; Pledged \$180,614; Received \$135,954, which is 96% of the Goal.

FY 2010/11	170,600 pledged;	160,000 received	90.6%
FY 2009/10	177,000 pledged;	170,000 received	96.1%

There will be a regular Stewardship and Finance Committee meeting and another meeting will be in January.

Buildings and Grounds:

The Facilities Committee needs to make an assessment of the buildings and grounds. The church will have to install sidewalks along Mt. Allen Drive and Hertzler Road. This will be a big-ticket item.

The speaker on the choir side of the church was removed for repair. The company, Morefield Communication, has lost the speaker. The company will have to replace the speaker if the original is not found.

The sound system in the church needs to be replaced. Steve Stringer would like to replace the piano with an electronic piano that would hook into the sound system.

Monsignor King needs a new PC. In fact, the church needs a new server and new computer network.

A new telephone system is also needed.

We are in the process of replacing lights, as they need replacing, with new energy efficient lights.

Old Business:

John Duggan reviewed the church Constitution and is drafting a new Constitution. Once drafted, Monsignor King and Ken Centazzo will review. The blueprint of the new Constitution will be placed on the website.

The Time & Talent sheet Committee met and revised the Time & Talent Sheet. The revised form was distributed to Council for review. Ken will also e-mail a copy to each member. Revisions should be made and sent back to him.

New Business:

Monsignor King informed Council that he has created the position of Volunteer Coordinator. Sue Fletcher has accepted the position. Sue will also work with the Parish Care Ministry.

There will be a “Meet & Greet” social at Ken’s home on January 13th at 7:00 pm. There will be a dinner, so do not eat before arriving.

Lenten Fish Dinners: A young man and older couple have expressed an interest in resuming the fish dinners. A discussion followed as to how much time and work goes into this event. Barbara Stratis will talk to her husband concerning how to order items and organize such an event..

Monsignor is looking for someone to head organizing a new Parish Directory. It is time.

Monsignor informed Council that Father John Kemper from Baltimore is heading a pilgrimage to Rome and has asked our choir to join the choir from Baltimore. This would be in 2013.

The portrait of Father Waldron will be blessed on November 13th and placed in the Memorial Room in the back of the church.

Joseph Bytof expressed his concern that St. Francis Parish is begging for funds. Could we adopt this parish? This will be taken up at a later date.

Closing Remarks:

The next meeting of Parish Council is Thursday, January 5, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm. with the Prayer for Vocations.

Respectfully submitted,

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