

**Pastoral Council  
St. Clare Catholic Church  
Minutes of September 4, 2013**

**Present** . Theresa Duda, Ann McMahon, Tami Sutela, Barb Eisner, Ted Seeber, Phyllis Wallace, Bryan Mullen

Ex officio members . Fr. Steve, Pia de Leon

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Theresa	
<b>Review of July minutes</b>	Approved	
<b>Pastoral Comments</b>  Fr. Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fr Stobie clarified how council members can be most helpful in their advisory role on the Pastoral Council.</li> <li>• If a parishioner requests to attend a PC meeting, they may come if approved.</li> <li>• Fr. Stobie and the office staff are working on a new church website that will have links to lots of informative sites. A copy of the request form for the Pastoral Council will eventually be on the website.</li> </ul>	
<b>Community Life Commission Report</b>  Ann and Phyllis	<p>The Spaghetti Dinner will be October 26th. Advertising will begin as soon as we lock in a location. Melissa DelBalzo and Alicia Brady are co-chairs.</p> <p>Discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The available space in the Parish Hall is insufficient when considering the number of persons who usually attend. This makes it dangerous for the elderly and children.</li> <li>• Tearing down and setting up the Preschool classrooms takes far more volunteers than needed to transport food to the gym.</li> <li>• Many families need parish volunteer hours; additional volunteers will be easily found.</li> <li>• Therefore, the Council recommends that this dinner, and future dinners, be held in the gym.</li> </ul>	<p>Ann will contact past supporters to ask for pasta donations.</p> <p>Welcome to new Community Life liaison, Phyllis Wallace.</p>

	<p>The new co-chairs for the St. Clare campout are Eileen Murche and David Yackey.</p> <p>There were no new sign-ups generated from the Centennial exhibit of the Community Life booth.</p> <p>Pray and Play will need bulletin space monthly to announce their luncheons.</p>	
<p><b>Liturgy Commission Report</b></p> <p>Tim and Ted</p>	<p>The fall liturgy workshop is a study from a book called The Mystery of Faith. It will be Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Tim is working on getting new people for the Liturgy commission.</p>	<p>Welcome to Ted Seeber, new Liturgy liaison.</p> <p>Tim to continue helping to plan workshop.</p>
<p><b>Education Commission report</b></p> <p>Barb and Pia</p>	<p>The school reports that they had some upgrades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpet in offices and BASC</li> <li>• Floor covering on two sets of stairs</li> <li>• Gym bathrooms spruced up</li> </ul> <p>Teachers have been trained on new Social Studies books and iPads. They are preparing for the accreditation visit Oct. 15-17. Jessica Dowling will be a part-time middle school math teacher at St. Clare's. Mr. Irlbeck has been busy with the Digital Dragons, his student tech team. They have been preparing for the iPad launch.</p> <p>Preschool RE report by Jean: a survey was filled out by 10 families. She is seeking more input. So far the survey says that 8:30 is the most popular time when parents want the Preschool and 70% of them are willing to lead the group. More than half would like the program to take place at the same time as the Children's liturgy. Half the respondents were unaware of the program.</p> <p>Registration for Children and Teens RE will take place in the Parish Hall for four Sundays, beginning Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Sacramental prep information will also be available</p> <p>A Youth Choir will be led by Lourdes for middle and high school vocal and instrumental musicians. They would sing at</p>	

	<p>the 5pm Mass nearly every month. This is in addition to the Family Mass at the 8:30am. Students may sign up every Sunday in September after Mass.</p> <p>Pia reported that Sister Loretta Schoff will come the morning of October 12 for an all parish workshop on Saint Clare of Assisi. In preparation for this, there will be information in the bulletin about the life of St. Clare.</p> <p>In November there will be a study group on Pope Francis encyclical. There will be four sessions on Tuesdays at 7pm.</p> <p>Pia reports that RCIA begins September 21. They are inviting non-Catholic parents from the school to come and learn more about the Catholic tradition.</p>	
<p><b>Outreach</b> Tami and Bryan</p>	<p>Newcomers meeting will be Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30.</p> <p>The Knights of Columbus breakfast is scheduled for Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. The crib and baby bottle collection will be set up again. Dec. 29 will be the next breakfast.</p> <p>Knights of Columbus would like to speak from the pulpit to seek new members on Oct. 11 &amp; 12. Discussion followed about the effectiveness of pulpit announcements vs bulletin blurbs or one-on-one discussions at coffee and donuts. This will be on the October agenda for PC for all groups.</p> <p>Giving Tree has no chair right now. It was suggested that we put an announcement in the Dragon Post to help find a chair for this event. Marcy Carlton may want to be an advisor for this event</p>	<p>Theresa and Fr. Stobie will be there. Pastoral Council members are asked to attend.</p> <p>Ted needs to tell Laurie how much is made from the collection so it can be published in the bulletin.</p> <p>Welcome Bryan Mullen, new Outreach liaison.</p> <p>Tami to speak with Marcy to clarify what she wants her role to be.</p>
<p><b>Centennial Committee</b> Theresa</p>	<p>Thank you notes will be sent to: the Archbishop, Fr. Charles, and those members of our parish who were involved in the planning and execution of a successful celebration.</p> <p>Next month we will discuss about how we can take the success of that event and keep the momentum going.</p>	<p>Theresa will do.</p>
<p><b>Old Business</b> Theresa</p>	<p>Men's basketball group has made a request to use the school gym. They would give back to St. Clare by helping with gym set up for</p>	<p>Ted Seeber to be contact person for basketball helpers.</p>

	events. The request was approved. Knights of Columbus will work with them.	
<b>New Business</b> Theresa	<p>There will be a bulletin announcement regarding new PC members, and thanking outgoing members.</p> <p>Pia said that there have been requests to post information on the church bulletin board in the vestibule. Right now these will be taken case by case.</p> <p>Iconography group with Michelle Cale as chair meet together to write icons. Further information needed before decision to be made.</p> <p>Laura Mason made a request to involve the parish in her social ministry. Currently she is making food and going to Water Avenue to minister to the homeless. It could be a valuable ministry, but a great deal more information is needed.</p>	<p>Theresa will speak with Michelle.</p> <p>The Outreach commission (Tami and Bryan) will contact Laura. They will have Laura contact St. Vincent de Paul to help her get food from the Oregon Food Bank. Rhonda Kwei from the Archdiocese will be contacted about the legal issues.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	October 2, 6:30 pm- 8:30 PM	