

# St. Clare Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

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January 8, 2014

Present . Theresa Duda, Ann McMahon, Tami Sutela, Ted Seeber, Bryan Mullen, Tim Crimmins

Ex officio members

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ann	
<b>Review of Nov. minutes</b>	Approved, there was no December meeting due to weather.	
<b>Pastoral Comments</b> Fr. Steve	The council thanks those who decorated our church, worked with the choirs, and contributed to our Masses.	
<b>Community Life Commission</b> Ann	<p>Waiting on God+, by Mary Helen Moore, was the topic of our women's retreat in December. It was well attended considering the chilly weather.</p> <p>The SIS women held a bake sale Dec.8 to help with scholarships for the retreat.</p> <p>A school parent, Colleen Keerins, hosted the Wassail after the 10pm Mass on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. She is also willing to be chair for the St. Patrick's Day dinner.</p> <p>We have tried to contact the Freemont family. With no response, the Gumbo dinner is cancelled.</p> <p>Lenten Soup suppers will happen on Tuesday evening Masses during Lent.</p>	<p>Ann will contact Colleen and get a date for the dinner.</p> <p>Ann will contact Kendall and put notes in the Dragon Post and the bulletin about needing help for these.</p>
<b>Liturgy Commission</b> Tim and Ted	<p><b>Christmas Eve Mass:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm Family Mass with music by the Children's Choir</li> <li>7pm Mass will be a Youth Mass with music by Joyful Noise. The Youth Group will perform most of the Liturgical ministries.</li> </ul> <p>Nest meeting, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, the commission will be using the Source book to help derive a theme for Lent. There are several new</p>	

	people in this group.	
<b>Education Commission</b>  Barb	<b>Adult Faith Formation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lumen Fidei class was successful. The next series, called Apostolic Exhortation, has no date yet.</li> <li>• The Parish Mission had good attendance considering the weather.</li> <li>• Just Faith will be delayed until more people can be found to get involved.</li> </ul> <b>School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The marketing committee will use a variety of ways to recruit new students including inviting preschool families to the dress rehearsal for the Christmas program.</li> <li>• The accreditation report has been shared weekly using the Dragon Post.</li> <li>• The online auction did well.</li> <li>• Scrip is looking into online purchasing.</li> <li>• Open house on January 26 from 9:30 to noon.</li> </ul> <b>RCIA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Catechumen and three candidates for reception into Full Communion along with nine Confirmation candidates.</li> </ul> <b>Sacramental Prep:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second graders will prepare for their First Reconciliation class begins Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, prior to receiving the Eucharist the weekend of May 31<sup>st</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul> <b>Youth Ministry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec. 21 delivery of packages to the Giving Tree recipients was well attended.</li> <li>• Dec. 22-23 HS Lock-in was a great success.</li> </ul>	
<b>Outreach</b>  Tami and Brian	Knights will do a parish-wide challenge called 40 Cans for Lent. All cans will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.  Mother and Child Center does May day flowers, but the rules were changed. The Knights will fund the money up front for the	

	<p>flowers this year.</p> <p>The December 29 Knights breakfast served 100 people at a profit of \$300. \$119 of this was given back to St. Clare's parish as part of the match.</p> <p>74 families, 234 people and 164 boxes of food were donated by St. Vincent de Paul.</p> <p>The new Stevens Creek Crossing (formerly called Hillsdale Terrace) is open and has 122 units. It is a Federal project aimed at making this area more of a community. It has a childhood learning center as well.</p> <p>The Giving Tree idea of gift cards will be revisited next September. It lets the parents choose what they want for their children. Parishioners have requested more accessible locations for the tree, such as the altar, the foyer and the parish hall.</p> <p>Bonnie and Tom Owens want to rename the social justice group the Clare-Francis Potluck. Children are welcome to this reorganization meeting that will take place on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-9:00 in the Clare Room. They want to discern new goals for serving others in need.</p> <p>St. Andres Bessette was approved a year ago as an official parish ministry. This means they have a line item in our parish general budget. Today they have 30 volunteers. They have \$2400 per year that can be reimbursed. The council has received one report about their ministry. We would like a quarterly report from this committee.</p>	<p>Tim will contact Terri Cozzoli about how this ministry is funded. Bryan will follow up on this with Cyndy.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Archbishop's Catholic Appeal Leadership Meetings are in January at various locations in our diocese. It is a good reminder that there is a lot happening on a diocesan level.</p>	<p>Council members will try to attend.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Feb 5, 6:30 pm- 8:30 PM</p>	