

CCBT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES: June 27, 2024

PRESENT: Fr. Jeff Chichester, John Balloni (Chair), Jill Lee (Secretary), Eileen Bielemeier (Outgoing), Cathy Immerman (Outgoing), Karen Kaindl, Maryrose Balloni, Paul Statskey, Laurie Berthold (New Member), Eileen Ernstberger (New Member), William Auclair (New Member).

ABSENT: Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz, Mary Krehling (Vice Chair)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m. @ SMM

INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting began with each attendee introducing themselves and sharing a brief personal background.

OPENING PRAYER: Leader John Balloni (15-20 minutes)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ministry Updates:

a) Men's Group: (William Auclair) The men finished the season's study of St. Paul. The jury is out as to what the next study topic will be as they reconvene in Sept. The earlier start (5 p.m.) worked best for fellowship and food before study session. New members: Tom Hank, John Bryan.

Women's Book Group: (Jill) On sabbatical until the fall.

b) Walking with Moms in Need: (Eileen) There was an open house at St. John's (expanding to St. Ambrose) in Rochester on Humbolt St. organized by Jane Way (Peace of Christ Parish) that included speaker Paula Belemjian (from The Margaret Home), and the opportunity to observe how the Moms program operated in this parish. Eileen attended and brought back informative literature and handouts for CCBT to copy and use for the Moms program here. Jill will be setting up a CCBT *Walking with Moms in Need* table at the Community Clothing Center which will offer easy access to the materials for any interested patrons or pregnant moms in our community. Eileen noted that while she is an outgoing member of PC, she will still continue with the implementation of this program at CCBT with publicity being the next focus; she invited help from anyone interested. Maryrose expressed interest in helping (once the Ministry Brochure/Fair was completed). Eileen also suggested that the Family Promise Day Resource Center would be a good location to place some of the informative literature.

c) Building & Grounds Committee: (Paul) Committee is making progress, and Paul commended Kip DeLisio, Tom Hank, and Terry Burlee for their help. There was an inquiry by Mary Capone regarding any potential big capital projects and Paul reported that a list of issues was created at the last meeting which included ST chimney structural demise, the parking lot hole at ST (which has been partially

fixed, no longer a safety hazard, a cold patch planned), and faulty electrical outlets and roof issues (ST). Discussion ensued about the high expense of repairs for the chimney.

d) Caring Card Ministry: (Karen) There has been an ongoing sending of cards during June. Discussion held regarding the specific current requests. Karen reiterated that the Caring Card Ministry blurb is in the weekly bulletin and includes her contact info. Her answering machine is on 24/7 and she will promptly respond by sending an appropriate card (and/or Mass intention request to the office).

e) Social Ministry: (Jill) The next Family Promise meal that CCBT will supply is planned for Monday, August 5th, at the Day Resource Center, 3 Holley St., Lyons. Currently the families do have SNAP benefits; Marie Smith, Jill Lee, and Pam Auclair plan to dine with the families.

Pam and Marie have been working with clients who need financial help, discerning whether the requests are reasonable. Fr. Jeff asked about the Auer Fund grant money and a discussion was held. It seems that the monies from this foundation will be directed elsewhere this year. William reiterated that in spite of this, CCBT Social Ministry has a very viable financial account currently.

The baby bottle drive has been completed. The new backpack drive for children in our community will commence in mid-July. There will be a bulletin insert.

f) Fellowship Dinners: Potluck dinners will be reprised on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning in Oct. at SMM after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. First dinner will be football-themed.

2. * Completion of the Communication of Ministries Brochure: (Maryrose)**

This was a continuation of earlier discussions regarding the revamping and updating of the old CCBT Ministries Brochure. We had previously left off at:

-The Catholic Daughters of America (CDA): Karen called St. John's in Clyde and they have an active CDA group. The suggestion was for interested women from CCBT to join the St. John's Court there rather than restart one here at CCBT. Contact person is Sharon Ferindino @ 315-923-7151.

- Praying Our Losses: Cathy Immerman & Eileen B. filled us in on this grief support group that was held in the distant past. It was led by Kevin Elphick. Discussion held (Fr. Jeff) with the suggestion to possibly work on a reprisal of this in the future. ***Decision Made:** As we do not have a current group or leader, we will cross this off the CCBT brochure; however, we certainly can supply referrals to other existing groups if needed.

- Men's Group: Contact person Bob Lee #315-744-4933. William suggested that the clergy speak on behalf of the men's group to increase participation. Fr. Jeff agreed but would like a reminder to do this closer to the time when the group reconvenes (Sept.).

- Ongoing Faith Formation: Contacts Kathy DeMass (ST), and Susie Gallo (SMM). Discussion held, crossed out groups that no longer exist here currently.

- **Catechists:** Contact the Parish Office if interested in teaching or having any questions regarding the process or what's required.
- **Youth Ministry:** Discussion held regarding Youth Ministry in the past and issues surrounding this. Fr. Jeff explained that here we do not have a Youth Ministry for lack of youth; however, we do have contact people in the cluster: e.g. Corey Ginett, Deb DeLisio, Dave VanHanahan. ***Decision Made:** If there is any inquiry, have them call the Parish Office. Discussion held regarding the referral of anyone inquiring about where/how they can get into a Youth Group in the future. There was a consensus to NOT push anyone away, even if a long drive may be involved in hooking them up with an active Catholic Youth Group.
- **Social Ministry and Outreach:** Discussion held about which ministries we can retain and which ones are currently defunct (such as the Prayer Shawl Ministry). Some of the ministries can be restarted if desired. The migrant ministry would consist of a referral to Sr. Kay (St. Michael's, Newark) @ 315-277-0302. Jill suggested including the Community Clothing Center here as they cater to the fieldworkers (migrants) in a variety of ways. Social Ministry contacts are Pam Auclair, Marie Smith, Jill Lee (Clothing Center).
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Discussion held; suggestion that this belongs under Faith Formation (Maryrose).
- **Stewardship:** Contact the Parish Office.
- **Parish Council:** Eileen B suggested that the current chair at any given time be the contact person for PC. All agreed.
- **Parish Finance Council:** Contact Doug Jablonski @ 315-594-6962. Names were taken off who are no longer present (e.g. Fr. Edison).
- **Ending Comments:** The plan for this pending brochure is for Maryrose to work on it over the summer, then to print and place in the CCBT church vestibules for parishioner perusal, and to finally distribute it at a planned Ministry Fair in Oct.

3. Summer Picnic: Not happening this summer. Discussion held. Reservations must be made in January for next year. ***Decision Made:** Table for now, then create a picnic sub-committee to work on this in the future. It was noted that we need a location that has proper accommodations (water, restrooms, grill, shelter). All agreed to this plan.

4. Nomination of Trustee Replacement: As to clarify a stated confusion, Paul nominated Eileen Bielemeier to be the new trustee, Maryrose Balloni seconded the nomination. The council unanimously was in favor. (Fr. Felicjan had given his approval earlier). Eileen B requested that the PC Minutes continue to be sent to her while she is serving as the trustee (as she is an outgoing member).

5. Events Calendar for 2024-25: Maryrose gave all members a printed calendar so we can better organize the timing of events pertinent to our Parish. Discussion

held regarding the timing of meetings and EARLY entries to better prepare for upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PC Hail & Farewell: The Council is planning a "mini-meeting" in August to welcome our new members and to say farewell to the departing members, and to discuss future events to place on our calendar. Members are to pencil in ideas of events on their calendars and bring them to the meeting. Time and date will be sent via email.

2. Addendums to the Agenda:

a) Eucharistic Revival: (Eileen B) The Eucharistic Revival Point Person is Eileen B. If seeking info related to the ongoing Revival (which extends for another year, the "Year of Mission") the site is: eucharisticrevival.org Discussion held about specific programs we could plan: e.g. Fr. Jeff suggested a possible Real Presence 5-part series in the hopes that the priests may have more time for these things with the arrival of Fr. Sylvester Bioh.

b) CMA: (Paul) The goal for CCBT has now been raised to \$17,000.

c) Census: (John) As per Fr. Felicjan's email, a census will be required in the fall. Discussion held. We need more knowledge about deadlines, how to proceed, software. ***Decision:** Tabled until the fall.

3. September PC Meeting Date: UNKNOWN. We will attempt to keep this meeting separate from the Financial Joint Meeting night. Currently it is not known when that Financial Meeting date is set for, or the priest's schedule. Thus, we will further discuss our PC meeting date at the August get-together.

CLOSING PRAYER: John

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 p.m.

*Thank you all! Welcome new members!
Jill Lee/PC Secretary*