

St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council  
Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
Cascia Hall East Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Fr. Michael, Ruth Adamczyk, Marilyn Butler, Dave Eberle, Ellie Hammond, Myra Fox, Bill Greinke, Bob Mitchell, Pat Rossman and Jean Weaver. Also, in attendance were Trustees Dennis Collins and Sharon Gierahn.

The opening prayer and lighting of the Christ Candle was led by Father Michael at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Myra Fox to accept the June 14, 2022 minutes as read and it was seconded by Marilyn Butler.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Michael gave us an update on the responses regarding the Monastery. He has had approximately 10 returned with more coming in. Most of the responses pose more questions. The discussion of the removal of the asbestos ensued as we would have to do this regardless of using it for storage or raising the building. Father will also discuss this with the PFC so they can plan ahead. Dave Eberle suggested that we look into encapsulating the asbestos instead of removing it. It was also discussed about contacting Payne & Dolan just to see if there would be any interest in our property now or in the future. Father would like to have a townhall meeting regarding the Monastery so he could open up a dialogue with the parishioners regarding this issue. Also, a special-committee should be formed to work on this. The date for the townhall meeting was selected for Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p in the church. Some of the items for discussion would be: asbestos abatement, homeless shelter, raising the building, the prospect of selling the building and property, using it just for storage, moving the church offices to the narthex and how would we pay for it. If we use it for a storage area it would not be a public storage facility. The suggestion of having a tour of the building was given so the parishioners could get a first-hand look at what we are dealing with. It was suggested to check with HALO regarding the homeless shelter but do we want one so close to the school? Student safety is first. We also discussed the addition of office's off of the church narthex. It was discussed that if we choose the storage option the gas and water would be turned off but we would still have to have electric service. A discussion followed. Father explained that in order for us to keep our tax-free status we can never use the word rent in any option we choose for that would move us into a different tax bracket.

**Siena School Contract:** Father had a meeting with the CFO of Siena School Systems recently regarding the \$70k subsidy payment they are expecting from us. In that meeting, it was suggested that a proxy request letter might suffice to obtain a lesser subsidy amount required this year, Father described that there is a meeting of the Siena Board of Trustees on August 28<sup>th</sup> and at that time he will let them know that, while we must operate with a deficit budget, SR parish will only be able to pay a 10% subsidy, not the 15% currently required of all parishes. After further discussion it was determined that the "Parish Subsidy Proxy Request Letter", that had been drafted for signatures, not be signed and that it be "tabled" until the September PPC meeting

**LOA Archdiocese Capital Campaign Process Update:** Bill led the discussion by outlining the requirements of a "Parish Case Statement"; specifically, the detailed information it requires as an integral part of the parish's participation in the campaign. As discussion ensued it was ultimately determined that it is too soon in the process for our parish to determine its course of action and thereby identify clear needs and goals that the LOA Campaign can address. It was determined that Father would pursue the possibility of moving our campaign efforts into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave; giving us the additional time needed, Bill pointed out that an examination of the financial condition of SR parish would reveal that we have no debt, some money in the bank, and only a deficit budget to

deal with, the mortgage was paid-off in 2013. The last capital campaign resulted in our netting double our goal but the funds were exhausted in 2015 with the purchase of the Carillon. As to the deficit, it's currently projected at under \$60k/yr. The annual cost of maintaining the monastery in the status quo costs us over \$50k/yr. The answer seems simple enough, the point was made that consideration needs be given to current vs future costs if we find we're facing a clear course of action, and not kick the can down the road. And all were reminded that with the new LOA campaign, no other capital campaign can be initiated for 5 years.

**Planning Committee:** Bill received the final reports from the Census and wants to report back to the parish in 2 forms. One will be at mass in announcements and further detail will be put into the bulletin. This will be done before the end of July. The focus groups will be put off until next year.

**Liaison Reports:** The festival is moving forward, getting everything in order for the upcoming festival dates in August. The 5K run was discussed by Myra. Deacon Greg will be handling the PPC booth at the festival along with the scavenger hunt. The meat raffle will be a bit different this year. Instead of giving out meat, gift cards, sausages and soda will be used.

**Election of Officers:** The current officers of the PPC were re-elected. Chairman, Bill Greinke, Vice-Chairman, Ruth Adamczyk and Secretary, Pat Rossman

**Liaisons:** Jean Weaver and Bob Mitchell were selected to remain as liaisons with the PFC and, Pat Rossman and Ruth Adamczyk were selected to attend the Deanery meetings.

**New/Old Items:**

**Narthex:** Father had 3 layout options for the offices in the Narthex for us to review at the end of the meeting.

**Upcoming PPC Dates:**

August – no meeting due to the festival  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary  
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