

Witness Council Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2009

Present: Mary Ellen Beckman, Mary Brandt, Marisa Dolan, Fr. Ken Glaser, Deb Gray, John Hlas, Linda Jacoby, Gerald Kinney, Paul Lee, Joan Marchesani, Kelly McCormick, Bill McKinley, Mary McLean and Marietta Thompson

Absent: Rebecca Barrionuevo, Scott Behrends, Adam Bormann, Kurt Chamberlain, Mike Courts, Margaret Prophet, Garrett Rauterkus and Marty Wurth

Mary M. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Paul L. led the council in prayer and reflection. Thank you, Paul.

Old Business:

- Update on the search for a new Campus Minister: Fr. Ken announced that 4 candidates were interviewed by telephone and of those; 2 were invited to interview in person. The first candidate was interviewed on 4-15-09. The candidate scheduled to interview on 4-22-09 has accepted a different position and did not come for a personal interview. The committee invited a third candidate to interview in person on 4-29-09. July 15, 2009, is the anticipated start date.
- Update on Peer Ministry: Fr. Ken announced that 7 students applied for 4 Peer Minister positions for the next school year. Fr. Ken was in the process of offering the positions.
- Update on Discipleship Council (DC): Fr. Ken announced that 35 students applied for 22 DC positions for the next school year. Fr. Ken was in the process of letting those know who will be DC members. Fr. Ken's intention is to ask about 5-7 students to attend WC meetings next year—most likely asking those who did not receive Peer Minister or DC member positions.
- Update on WC Member Selection for next year: A committee made up of Rebecca B., Mary M., and Paul L. will solicit for 3 non-student members to join WC next year. Scott B., Mary Ellen B., and Marisa D. will end their terms this year. Discussion revolved around how many members WC should be comprised of. The current guidelines state 15-20 members. Keeping in mind that Fr. Ken will ask about 5-7 students as well, the agreement stood at asking 3 non-students to fill the 3 leaving non-student members and shooting for an overall group of 20-25. Discussion centered on making sure all age groups/populations are covered, especially making sure a representative of graduate students was asked to join.

New Business:

- Mary McLean accepted the election of new WC Chair for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- Suggestions for future agenda items: It was discussed that WC ask various members of St. Stephen's community to attend the first 15 minutes or so of WC meetings as a "get to know, state your needs if any" kind of introduction. Thoughts on this included staff, the new campus minister, Peers, DC, and Development Board member(s). More discussion on this in the fall.
- Fr. Ken explained that the Deanery Council is an informational gathering meeting and the members attending shall remain himself and the WC Chairperson. WC members agreed that receiving Deanery Council minutes was important and should continue.

Director's Report: Fr. Ken provided the attached Director's Report for April 2009. Most noted was the successful and inspiring Easter Vigil, concluding another great RCIA process for the year.

Committee Meetings: The committees met for 15 minutes. In this time, they discussed their past year's work and goals for the next year. One person from each committee will submit to Kelly, a written progress report with goals for the next year. These committee reports will become part of the annual Development Report submitted to the Archbishop. Kelly asked that these reports be to her the end of April. Thank you. Each committee briefly highlighted their achievements to the Council.

Bill M. led the council in closing prayer. Thank you, Bill!

The **Potluck** will be on **Thursday, May 7, 2009**, in the social hall with other St. Stephen leadership groups at 6 p.m. There will be Mass at 4:30 p.m. with a social hour following until 6 p.m. Kelly will email what each leadership group should bring for the potluck.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Gray

Attachment:
Director's Report for April 2009

Directors Report for April 2009
Presented by Fr. Ken Glaser

We were the host of Tom Jacobs for the American Martyrs Retreat House

RCIA

- Classes are quickly coming to a close with two classes remaining
- The Easter Vigil was celebrated with great music and fanfare
 - 3 Members of the community were baptized
 - 12 Members of the community came into Full Communion in the Church
 - 3 Members received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- The final class will be a potluck meal on April 26th at 6:00 PM

Interviews

- 22 people applied for the **Campus Ministry Position** on time
 - 4 were interviewed by telephone
 - 2 have been invited to campus (April 15 and April 22)
 - The position will be offered by May 1, 2009
 - The contract begins on July 1 or availability of candidates
- 7 students have applied for **Peer Ministry Position**; 4 individuals have been offered positions
- **Discipleship Council:** Jason Dole, President; Ann Rohde, Vice President; Regina Reinig, Secretary
 - 30 Students have applied for consideration of 22 positions – interviews have been scheduled

Education

- Jenny Wetzler has completed the Lenten Bible Study
- Gift Groups will continue until Finals Week
- Baptism Class was held with 6 couples participating
- Men's group was held with the topic of images of Holy Week

Social Justice

- 24 Hour Food Famine was held with 10 students participating
- Habitat has held its last date and has set dates for the fall
- Prepared and served a meal at the Catholic Worker House
- Rice Bowl Project is completed with over \$850 raised for CRS
- Food collection was delivered to St. Vincent DePaul

Easter Celebrations

- We were host to the Metro RCIA Retreat with 50 participants
- Watched the Passion of the Christ
- Members of the Community attended the Chrism Mass in Dubuque
- Reconciliation – 7 priests were present and stayed busy from 9:15 to 11:20 PM
- Holy Thursday – Many had their feet washed and many stayed for adoration
- Good Friday – Stations of the Cross on Campus were very well done and were featured in an article in the Courier
- Holy Saturday – See RCIA Above
- Easter Sunday Mass was celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 AM