

Woburn Catholic Collaborative
Collaborative Pastoral Council Minutes
October 16, 2018

The Woburn Collaborative pastoral council was called to order with a prayer by Father Thomas Powers, chair, at 6:35PM in St. Barbara's Fr. Anadore Hall. In attendance were Larry Murphy, MaryAnn Chorlton, Terry Chotkowski, Mary Ulliani, Jackie Wagner, Barbara Jeannotte, Joan Tuttle, Bill O'Brien, Michael Millette, Maureen Ward, Rebecca Murphy, Donna Winitzer, Domenic Orgettas, Irene DeCata, Dianne Autenzio, Claire McNally and Marilyn Smith.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 4th were reviewed. It was necessary to revise the minutes to correctly state that the Confirmation class at each parish will be held separately this year. The minutes were accepted as revised.

The collaborative bulletin will soon be color-coded to distinguish between St. Anthony and St. Barbara information. The religious education calendar on the website will soon contain a drop-down option to select St. Anthony and St. Barbara calendars.

Holy Day Mass schedules will be as follows:

All Saints Day: 10/31, 5:30PM at St. Barbara; 11/1, 9AM at St. Barbara and St. Anthony and 12:05PM at St. Barbara.

Immaculate Conception: 12/7, 5:30PM at St. Barbara; 12/8, 9AM at St. Anthony and St. Barbara.

Christmas Eve and Christmas: the same as Sunday Mass schedule

New Year's Eve and Day: 12/31, 4PM at St. Anthony and St. Barbara; 1/1, 9AM at St. Anthony and St. Barbara.

The Finance Council will meet on 11/13 at 7:15PM to discuss and recommend on disposition of St. Anthony's rectory. The collaborative parish council is invited to attend. It was determined that it will cost \$25,000 to keep the building in operation and \$170,000 to refurbish it. Three options exist: (1) use it as an office, (2) lease it or (3) sell it.

A new collaborative sign with adequate lighting will arrive within the next two weeks at each parish.

Michelle Parks has accepted appointment as Disciples in Mission coordinator. Letters will be sent to selected parishioners asking them to work toward writing the collaborative parish plan. In addition, all parishioners will be invited to serve on

this mission. Each person will be asked to invite one other person. The team will be expected to attend two workshops- one in Braintree and the other in Medford- to learn how to evangelize and how to teach other parishioners to take leadership roles. Over the course of eighteen months, the team will be tasked with writing the narrative plan that will identify goals that the collaborative must meet.

Announcements from the altar will decrease and will be replaced with directing parishioners to refer to the bulletin for all announcements.

Two options for the Lenten Mission were presented: (1) a city wide effort where one outside speaker conducts two adult sessions and one youth session on the topic, "Got Faith? Like It, Share It" and (2) each of the three Catholic parishes in Woburn will select its favorite speaker who will speak at one of the other parishes. Option 2 was chosen.

Father Powers will be installed as pastor of the Woburn Collaborative at the 4PM Mass at St. Barbara's Church on Saturday, November 10. There will be a collation in the Fr. Anadore Hall following Mass.

Defibrillators have been donated to St. Barbara's parish. St. Anthony's parish will purchase them from existing money and from their upcoming Grand Annual contributions. Some clergy, staff, ushers, lectors and ministers of Holy Communion will be trained on how to use the defibrillators.

The Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Barbara's parish on Sunday, November 4, at 10AM. Families from St. Anthony's and St. Barbara's who lost members during the past year will be invited to attend.

The RCIA program has begun and includes 3 participants this year.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on November 6, 2018. This meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:30 pm.