

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of February 14, 2012

Attendance: Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Sharon Scorso, Lou and Dorli Cloutier, Bonnie Benevides, Sharon Snuffer, Tom Manning, Janusz Herasmowicz, Dennis Eslinger, Jonathan Van Dine, and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:04 p.m.

The following agenda was discussed:

1. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of January were reviewed and accepted.
2. Joshua Meyers, a parishioner and member of the local Boy Scouts, was introduced to the Council. He gave a background of his involvement with Scouting, as well as a proposal for his Eagle Scout project on site here at St. Maurice. He propositioned to install a sidewalk leading from the furnace room exterior door behind the Church, to the back parking lot. He intends to construct a 70 foot walkway, slightly curved to avoid drains, 10 ½ inches deep with approx. 280 sq ft of materials, including pavers, crushed stone, sand, spikes and edging. The total cost of construction, \$2000, which he hopes to raise through fundraising efforts and donations from various groups within the church. He estimates 60 hours of labor, with assistance provided by other scouts and high school age volunteers. Jim Cropley, will provide both help in obtaining the needed materials, as well as guidance in the project. The Council offered unanimous support. Lou offered to help oversee Josh in this endeavor.
3. **Bingo:** After the practice session last night, Susan Brock provided feedback to Sharon Scorso. Feedback included needing a few more practice runs before opening the door to the public and to vary the menu. Suggestions made for advertisement included signage in front of the Church, posters in local stores, and the State of CT suggested possibly a sizable door prize as an attraction for the first official opening night. Age appropriate children may attend and participate in Bingo; however, children need to be supervised with care not to distract other players. The bathrooms need to be periodically inspected for adequate toiletry supply sufficiency, as well as cleanliness. Recommended is to have Susan appointment a volunteer to take responsibility for this task. Acquired are 3 body fluid kits, one for each bathroom in the Parish Center. A suggestion was made to prepare for mishaps which might require thorough documentation and possibly medical assistance.
4. **Parish Directory:** Proceeding on schedule with the editor forwarding a draft copy to Sybil Bartone for review.
5. **Faith Formation:** No new information.
6. **Safe Environments:** Pamphlets need to be visible and will be mounted shortly.
7. **Property Management:** The spare confessional is currently being converted to a Quiet Room with carpeting, a double pane sound proof window and electrical being added. During the reconstruction, the statue of Saint Maurice, which was prominently visible in the original Saint Maurice Chapel (now the Montessori School) was found resting on a false ceiling. The Sacristy is being refurbished with replacement of the ceiling tiles, new paint on the walls, and planned replacement of the linoleum countertops. The Christmas Fair Group has financially supported the Sacristy project. Carpet will be added to the altar server vesting room. Other projects in the worship space of the church include fans being installed into the heating ducts located in the front pews of the worship space to better circulate warm air. The ceiling tiles here will be replaced after Easter due to the many worship activities during the Lenten season and Triduum. The 2 sheds behind the Rectory have been reshingled.
8. **Parish Center Usage:** The name will be changed to **Facility Rental**. The first rental, a baby shower, went smoothly. Another parishioner has requested to rent the Parish Hall for an upcoming family reunion this July. Tom will discuss the issue of possibly the Girl Scouts utilizing the Parish Center for their activities with Mike Harney, and inquire about the insurance policy carried by the Boy Scouts. A suggestion was made to better define what constitutes a person as a parishioner.
9. **New Business:** The current listing of ministries with assigned coordinators has been updated and Patti will provide this at the next Council meeting. Each coordinator is responsible for overseeing his/her ministry group. Of note, there continues to be a pile of altar server robes on the floor of their vesting room. Each server is responsible for having a size appropriate robe that is to be taken home after each use at Mass, washed, pressed and brought back for use for his/her next assigned Mass. Patti will contact Mary Mumford, coordinator of this ministry, to communicate this clearly to each altar server.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Cinea