

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of October 9, 2012

Attendance: Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Kathy Perlitz, Sharon Scorso, Dorli and Lou Cloutier, Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Snuffer, Jonathan Van Dine, Ron Massimino, Tom Manning, Mike Harney and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:12 p.m.

The following agenda was discussed:

1. The minutes of September's meeting were reviewed. One amendment is that the projected weekly gain of Bingo is between \$150-250-dependent on attendance. The minutes then were accepted.
2. **Faith Formation:** Enrollment in Children's Faith Formation is up to 57 students. Fifteen youth attended the Youth Explosion Event sponsored by the Diocese of Norwich on September 23rd. It was held at St. Bernard's High School. This event included a concert by a Christian band, adoration, fellowship and pizza with other youth from the Diocese. The Confirmation candidates were required to attend. The attendees shared a positive experience.
3. **Safe Environments:** Diocesan regulations stating that parishioners that participate in ministries that have regular contact with children must be certified in Safe Environments. This includes both a criminal background and DCF check, completing a Volunteer Application Form, and either attending a *Call to Protect* video presentation or completing the *Armatus* training on the Internet. All new future parish employees must complete the above, with the exception of completing an Employee Application Form, plus are required to be fingerprinted and have a national criminal background check. Currently, new catechists in the Faith Formation Program are in the process of completing the requirements.
5. **Property Management:** It is recommended that all lead persons that use the Parish Center for events are able to operate the automatic burner on/off switch. Ron completed work power washing and painting the exterior Parish Center deck area. Damaged ceiling tiles in the worship space in the Church still needs remediation. The insulation above the ceiling tiles was damaged also. This is secondary to water intrusion from the roof. (Note that the damaged sections of the roof have been replaced). The contractor, Zygy and Sons, is to start work next week. (December 11th meeting amendment- the replacement of the ceiling tiles is currently on hold). No asbestos are involved. The R-value on the insulation below the new roof is higher; therefore, no insulation above the ceiling tiles is required. To determine the cost of this project, the insurance adjustment figures need to be obtained. This project may need to be done in steps, completing a portion of the ceiling at a time. This will allow for noninterference in weekend Masses and church events. The Talager Company gave a rough estimate of cost to repair the wider cracks in the driveway parking areas. The generator that supplies the Rectory has a single damaged electrical panel that will need replacement.
6. **Bingo:** Forty-five persons attended last night. Raffling involving TV prizes has proved effective in generating an increase in attendance. Ways to improve Bingo as being more attractive in magnetizing the public need to be explored. To improve income, the admission price for adults might be increased slightly. **More volunteers are needed** to help with kitchen and floor calling activities.
7. **Pastoral Planning:** Parish Cluster news will be inserted into the upcoming bulletin. It is important that parishioners have a sense of awareness that strategic planning for parishes is on a continuum. Areas of collaboration currently under consideration by the cluster are in areas of Faith Formation for children and adults, as well as joint Youth Group activities. St. Maurice presently is considered "outside" the cluster, but is still working with the cluster. Areas such as bringing Holy Communion to Rockville Hospital, Penance Services, and Forty Hours Devotion are some joint activities by clergy and/or laity in the cluster and St. Maurice.
8. **Appreciation Dinner:** This Sunday, 49 adults and 6 children have signed up for the dinner to show support and appreciation for all those who benefit our parish through acts of volunteerism. The cost will

be paid by the parish. Father Wojciech is hosting this event, and Ron is chief chef. Ron will be preparing barbecued rib eyed steaks. The ladies on the Parish Council are requested to prepare cakes for dessert.

9. **Parish Nursing:** A medication education awareness program, sponsored by AARP and Walgreens Pharmacy, and provided by Barbara Fiano, RPh, will be held next Wednesday morning. Hosting a Flu Shot Clinic, as discussed previously, is not permitted by Catholic Mutual Insurance on parish property.

10. **Christmas Fair:** The Wednesday Craft Group is continuously making items for the Fair. Jeff Monroe again has volunteered to make the Fair brochures. Volunteers are needed always to help with set up the week of the Fair, as well as helping with crafters moving in and out the day of the Fair.

11. **Finance:** Mike presented a financial picture of St. Maurice. He stated that this has been the first year of financial stability in years for the parish. The Finance Council has a budget in its final projections which include both normal operating expenses as well as extraordinary capital expenses. This council is finalizing the Financial Review Report for the past fiscal year. This report will be inserted into the bulletin to keep parishioners updated. This council is planning to have an open meeting with parishioners to clarify information and field questions. Mike stated that this council has a good working relationship with the Property Management Committee. He added that Bingo has provided another resource in generating fundraising. The question is how to apply the Bingo assets.

12. Starting Saturday, November 24th, the **Saturday Vigil Mass** will be moved to **4 p.m.**

13. **Boy Scouting:** The annual Pinewood Derby event will be held in the Parish Center. The Blue and Gold Award event will be held in the lower level of the Church. The Boy Scouts are sponsored by the Bolton Ecumenical Council. A question arose as to whether Boy Scouting is considered a Catholic organization/ministry. Mike will explore this question.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in December. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cinea