

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of November 12, 2013

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

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

1. **Finance:** The annual finance report will be inserted into this weekend's bulletin. The Finance Council will hold an open meeting for all parishioners interested in providing feedback the following Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass.
2. **Property Management:** The septic system tied into the Church and Rectory needs correction with replacement of the original cast iron distribution pipe. A new PVC pipe will be installed. This will require investigation to assure that no underground utility lines will be interrupted. Due to the upcoming Fair, excavation and replacement will commence afterwards. The cracks in the parking lot were to be remediated this past summer. Several phone calls to the company who began work have not been returned. Replacement of the sanctuary ceiling tiles has been tabled to allow time to investigate options. With respect to promoting energy efficiency, an area of potential heat loss is that the heating pipes in both the Rectory and Parish Center lack insulation. Measuring heat loss in classroom heating pipes, checking the effectiveness of the radiators and if blueprints/plans for the Parish Center included insulation of pipes before the roof replacement project, will transpire. Replacement of a window in the Rectory basement has prevented warm air loss.
3. **Christmas Fair:** Vestibule bulletin boards include upcoming Fair activities and needs. Also posted is a volunteer sign-up sheet. There is a great need for volunteers to help move in crafters and assist with parking starting at 7 a.m., Fair day.
4. **Youth Mass:** The first monthly Mass oriented to youth will commence this Sunday. Marilee Manning will coordinate this ministry.
5. **Ministries:** Feedback from a parishioner suggesting beginning a Bereavement Ministry in our parish was reviewed. More information, including a parishioner willing to coordinate this ministry, will be needed. With respect to the Welcoming Committee, Linda Wiley, coordinator, will be asked to attend the next Council meeting to provide an update.
6. The results of the October Mass count: a mean of 241 persons attending weekend Masses. Stabilizing and demonstrating an upward trend.
7. **Bingo:** There is a meeting for Bingo workers on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. for evaluation of the past year, and future direction.
8. **Saturday Vigil Mass:** On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Mass time returns to 4:00 p.m. The lateness in November has been related to 3:00 p.m. post Fair activities, including the assistance of crafters out of the church basement, before the start of the Vigil Mass. Could this be done within 50 minutes? It would depend on having sufficient parish volunteers to provide this assistance. Should the Vigil Mass have a permanent time, avoiding twice yearly switching? Would a 4:30 p.m. Mass be a compromise? Suggested is for those parishioners who regularly attend the Vigil Mass please provide feedback to Father Wojciech.
9. **Annual Catholic Appeal:** We are \$35 shy of our parish goal. Supported was to achieve 100%.
10. Our parish has benefitted from many enhancements provided as a result of a Boy Scout/Eagle Scout project. A Scout has proposed building a fire pit. This could be enjoyed during various parish activities. This would include a permanent structure that would include concrete blocks and a low seating wall. This was unanimously supported.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cinea