

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of March 11, 2014

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

Guests: Linda Wiley, Bill Hebert, Ben and Ryan Van Dine

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:05 p.m. The following was discussed:

1. December's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
 2. Ben and Ryan individually presented their proposed Boy Scout Eagle projects. Ryan is requesting to construct a multi-panel wooden sign that would be placed in the grass area between the street and front parking lot. This sign would replace the dilapidated sign currently advertizing Bingo. It would illustrate multiple parish activities occurring each week, such as Bingo, Pancake Breakfasts. These panels would be constructed to be interchangeable. He presented construction materials to be used, size and cost estimates. He would build this project in the shop of a company called *Fast Signs*. Ben proposed to construct both a brick patio and fire pit, which would be located on the lower north side of the Parish Center. He presented construction material of matching pavers as those on the Church furnace room exit pathway, gravel, sand, with Jim Cropley providing advisory. Both Ben and Ryan requested approval for their projects with finance assistance to be supplemented by fundraising. Assistance with labor would be provided by fellow scouts. The Council suggested modification of the size of the sign, and approval from the Bolton Zoning Commission would be required. Time is of the essence as both applicants need to have their projects completed by late April. They presented how they believed both projects would be an asset to the parish.
 3. Linda provided an overview of the Welcoming Committee. When persons/families join the parish, they fill out a registration card which provides name, contact information, and check offs for interested membership in various parish ministries/activities. The new registrants then receive a Welcome Card signed by Fr. Wojciech. Linda follows up by making a phone contact for welcoming to the parish and answers any questions. Suggestions made were to review the registration card to update parish ministries, provide a more formal Welcome Package, including a voucher for a free Pancake Breakfast and Bingo Supper. Ron offered to create the vouchers.
 4. **Bingo:** Bill provided an update on Bingo. The jackpot give-a-way occurs on a 16 week cycle per State regulations, unless someone wins the jackpot beforehand. Attendance declined during the winter months, resulting in a breakeven of finances. The cost of heating Ryba Hall in the winter is a concern. It is hoped that attendance will steadily improve as the warmer weather and longer daylight arrives. Continuing Bingo in next winter will be reviewed again in September. Bingo volunteers continue their enthusiasm in offering hospitality to participants.
 5. **Finance:** An analysis of the current fiscal year reveals that ordinary income is down. The loan to the Diocese for cost replacement of the flat roof sections of the Church has been paid down with \$10,000 remaining.
 6. **Youth Faith Formation:** Movie Night, Saturday March 22nd, 7 p.m. with the showing of *Grace Unplugged*. It is a family faith based Christian movie. First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held in May.
 7. **Saturday Vigil:** Mass time will return back to 5 pm with Daylight Savings Time. No decision has been reached as to whether the Vigil Mass should maintain a set Mass time or continue to change biannually. This will be readdressed in September. Those who regularly attend the Vigil Mass should offer their feedback to Fr. Wojciech.
 8. Jonathan contacted Catholic Mutual Insurance regarding the proposed Eagle Scout Projects. Its representative stated concerns with fire/ constructing a fire pit on parish property. This would require the Bishop's approval.
 9. Enhancements to the church sanctuary were discussed. Recommended was to discuss this, as well as the Eagle Scout projects, at a Special Council Meeting on March 25th, at 7 p.m.
- The meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Cinea