

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of June 10, 2014

Attendance: Kathy Perlitz, Ron Massimino, Sharon Scorso, Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Snuffer, Tom Manning, and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 p.m. The following was discussed:

1. May's meeting minutes was reviewed and accepted.
2. **Finance:** There has been a positive response with identifying in the bulletin the projected amount needed of \$3,370 weekly offertory. It appears to have reduced our gap needed by 50 %. Some parishioners have stated they are contributing a few dollars more a week to be able to better reach our weekly parish goal. Thank you.
3. **Youth Faith Formation: A Baccalaureate Mass** will be held for all graduating high school seniors on June 22nd. Invitations were forwarded to Bolton High School seniors. Outreach to parish graduates from high schools that our parish boundaries serve is ongoing. The Knights of Columbus will provide refreshments following the Mass. Two persons have expressed interest in being catechists for next year. There will not be a Vacation Bible School this summer.
4. **Adult Faith Formation:** The pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Abbey was enjoyable. Bible study on the Book of Revelation will begin in September pending approval. This series is longer, and thoughts are to alternate Sunday evenings or choose a weekday evening to improve attendance and commitment.
5. **Property Management:** Recommended is to test the Rectory water for the presence of radon at the new designated tap before the water reaches the triple water treatment tanks. Each of these tanks has a separate function: softening, neutralization, and a charcoal filter for radon removal. This filter needs to be changed every 18 months. The water softening tank will require the placement of a dry well. The church lower level has a radon mitigation system. A radon reading will be performed this Thursday. The original contractor who began the work of repairing pavement cracks returned a call from the Scorsos. He stated that a physical injury prohibited his completing the work begun last summer. Recommended is to utilize another contractor. The possibility of inserting a glass window into the Parish Center Office door will be readdressed in September.
6. **Evangelization:** Due to budget constraints, postcard mailings advertizing parish activities will be reduced to twice per year. A mailing in possibly August will highlight Fall parish activities, including Faith Formation classes and Christmas Fair. Tom will ask permission to give a brief talk at the end of Masses about Electronic Giving and Bingo. He has completed a draft of parish ministries in booklet form.
7. **Share and Care:** Lines of communication regarding this ministry needs to be strictly followed. This creates order and avoids duplication of efforts. Theresa contacts Ron to inform him that there is a request for a Share and Care after a funeral. Ron then contacts three persons: Dorothy DePietro, who then begins the telephone tree of contacting designated parish volunteers to prepare food; Joel Cohan, who then sets up the logistics of tables, chairs, condiments, beverages in the Parish Center; and Ron, who then contacts the deceased person's family to ascertain anticipated number of persons attending the reception, and who will then order necessary supplies. The last funeral reception attendance was unusually high. Discussed were issues related to parish costs, numbers of persons that both Fire Code allows and the Share and Care Group can accommodate, the time frame for event set and clean up, as well as the use of bathroom facilities. Tom stated that Fire Code laws have been followed. Fire Code allowance for Ryba Hall: 140 persons utilizing both tables and chairs; 300 persons for chairs alone; and higher for standing only.
8. **Liturgy:** The Diocese has guidelines for non-Catholics who participate in Holy Mass, especially where a larger number may be in attendance. All persons are welcomed and not excluded in the Holy Communion receiving line; however, they should indicate that they will not be receiving Communion by crossing their arms across their chest. A blessing may be given by the priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Suggested is to have both written and verbal education given before Mass begins, especially with relation to a funeral or wedding. The line of communication regarding the number of liturgical ministers needed at a funeral rests with Fr. Wojciech and Theresa. Theresa then directly contacts needed ministers to assess availability and commitment.
9. A teen parishioner is looking for community service hours here.
10. Feedback was received expressing the decrease in young family attendance at weekend Masses when youth classes finish in May. Proposed is to review future feast days, such as Pentecost, The Holy Trinity, The Assumption of Mary, with the possibility of including children in some way in the Celebration of the Mass.
11. Congratulations to new Grand Knight of Columbus, Milton Ives. The Parish Council expresses gratitude to past Grand Knight Ron Massimino for a job well done during his tenure.
12. Congratulations to parishioners Ryan and Ben Van Dine for each achieving the Eagle Scout Award!!

Addendum to the meeting: No rental of Parish Center or Lower Church between the months of October 15th through May 15th.

The meeting concluded at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Cinea