

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of December 9, 2014

Attendance: Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Kathy Perlitz, Sharon Scorso, Dorli and Lou Cloutier, Ron Massimino, Bonnie Benevides, Janusz Herasimovicz, and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:55 pm. The following was discussed:

1. Minutes of November's meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. **Christmas Fair:** Youth assisting the crafters with moving in and out of the buildings was very helpful and positive. We need more parents to help with supervision. Next year create a Master Sign-In Sheet for youth volunteers so that community service hours can be tracked more efficiently. This year there was an increase in food contributions for the Baked Booth. Thank you to the Youth Group and all who provided the extra baked goods this year. This is free profit for the parish. Parking with carpooling at the Town Hall went smoothly. There was a decrease in ticket sales for the Big Raffle. Overall revenue generated seems on track with last year's fair. Final calculations are pending.
3. **Backpack Program:** There is a new Bolton PTA sponsored program whose goal is to provide food to children who participate in the reduced meal program at the school, and are in danger of not having food to eat over the weekend. The idea is to provide donated food in an assigned backpack on Friday. The youth will take the backpack home and utilize the food contents, then return the empty backpack to the school on Monday. The PTA is seeking out donations of food and money, help with assortment, and a place for food storage. Saint Maurice has been contacted to consider assistance. This parish provides food for approximately 30 families/100 children through the seasonal sharing programs. Presently, weekly food donated by parishioners ordinarily is delivered to the Bolton Food Pantry. At times, this pantry is well stocked and cannot accept further donations. Recommended is to obtain more information about this program, and have a contact name and number to place in the bulletin for any parishioner willing to help. Suggested was to ask the Bolton Ecumenical Council to address this issue at its next meeting.
4. **Property Management:** A vision for the parish is that the buildings are maintained properly for the future. This focuses on issues of maintenance, conservation of utilities, and overall preservation of the property. Windows in the Parish Center are single pane and deteriorating, causing heat loss. The heat loss is especially felt in classrooms 5 & 6 which have the largest windows. Windows are metal framed. Metal is a poor insulator. The putty sealing the window frames is deteriorating. Suggested is seek out estimates for window replacement. Classroom chairs, tables and floors require routine cleaning. Recommended is the purchase of a floor steam cleaner. The Church organ pedals need new pads. Cost estimates will be sought. The old organ will be removed to allow more space in the choir section. The soffit above the northwest vestibule requires intervention, as the water overflows onto the ground below, causing erosion and local freezing.
5. Please contact Theresa regarding any use of the parish for meetings/activities. She will add to the Parish Office Calendar. This helps avoid conflicts and identifies when and who utilized the facility.
6. Christmas Mass schedule will remain unchanged- a 4 pm and 10 pm Christmas Eve, and 10 am Christmas Day.

Meeting concluded at 8:40 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Cinea