

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of September 12, 2017

**Attendance:** Fr. Leon Susaimanickam, Lisa Anderson, Tom Manning, Mary Ann Murphy, Bonnie Benevides, Amie Tillman, Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Scorso, Tony Girasoli, Anna Czercowy

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Tom Manning began the meeting with an opening prayer.

1. Faith formation report was given by Amie Tillman. CCD starts September 24, 2017. Three (3) new teachers are taking CCD training. There are enough teachers for all grades. There are 32 students enrolled. The Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes have a new curriculum with weekly lessons focused on the mass readings for that week.

2. Property management report was given by Tom Manning. More changeable signs have been designed for the outside road sign. Hopefully, the public will view the changing signs as evidence that the parish is alive and active. The two (2) signs at the entrance and exit of the parking lot are being restored. Tom has painted the back side of the south sign and will be replacing the back side of the north sign (which is rotted). Tom will also refurbish the paint and gold leaf on the front of the signs.

There was nothing new to report on the first floor bathroom construction project.

The rectory needs roof repairs. Tom will contact Allied Roofing. The siding on the rectory needs to be power washed, which will be addressed next spring.

3. Sleigh Bells Ring report was given by Sharon Scorso. The Wednesday morning meetings will begin on September 20, 2017. Some of the women have been working on their own throughout the summer. The fair is scheduled for November 18, 2017.

4. There was no formal finance report. Sharon Scorso read an e-mail from Mike Harney (who was unable to attend): We have sufficient funds to keep the parish operating for 8 to 10 years, based on recent year's actual performance. Operating expenses seem to be under control and consistent. No major capital projects are foreseen, although the rectory roof needs some attention. Our biggest operational challenge continues to revolve around weekly offertory collections. Theresa can provide copies of our annual report for the previous fiscal year, if needed.

5. Miscellaneous issues were also discussed:

On September 9, 2017, there was a work party of approximately 15 people who cleaned the Church grounds.

- The Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the KOC, had a good turnout and went well. A second social is being discussed.

- The KOC is discussing having a Spring Fling, possibly on April 21, 2018. Tickets will be sold prior to the event, which will be catered.

- Pictures of the blessing of the backpacks, the ice cream social and other events will be published in the bulletin.

- Sacred Heart Church in Vernon is closed. A few of their parishioners have come to St. Maurice Church and hopefully more will join them. Attracting new parishioners to join St. Maurice Church was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held November 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Anderson, Council Member