

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of November 14, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Leon Susaimanickam, Tom Manning, Kathy Perlitz, Mary Ann Murphy, Amie Tillman, Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Scorso, Anna Czercowy, Dorli Cloutier, Lou Cloutier, Shirley Holbrook

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Father Leon began the meeting with an opening prayer.
2. Faith formation report was given by Amie Tillman. There are 44 students enrolled. The Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes have been combined. The date of Confirmation will be selected. There are only four candidates, and the Diocese would prefer that we combine with another parish or participate in the joint ceremony at the Cathedral. Parental opinion is being solicited.
3. Offertory income is up and overall income is up slightly over last year. See attached financial overview from Mike Harney.
4. Lou Cloutier reported on Property Management as follows:
 - a. There have been no recent leaks in the Rectory roof.
 - b. A proposal has been requested to replace the double doors at the opposite ends of the corridor in the lower level of the Parish Center. This project will be paid for by the Fair Group.
 - c. The ceiling of the south aisle of the upper church will be patched and repaired rather than replaced. The same kind of ceiling tiles is still manufactured. A source is being sought.
 - d. Parish Center kitchen must be better maintained and cleaned. All users will be informed of their responsibilities.
 - e. Hire a professional to clean the kitchen once or twice a year. It must be cleaned before the Fair. Another cleaning in the spring is desirable. Tom Manning suggested contacting Ron Dion at ServPro for a proposal.
5. Dorli Cloutier reported on the upcoming Sleigh Bells Ring Church Fair:
 - a. Workers are needed to move crafters out at 3:00 p.m.
 - b. Tom Manning will follow up with the Confirmation candidates.
 - c. Seventh and eighth graders could also do this work.
6. Scouts were unable to assist with the Fair this because of a conflicting activity. Our liaison (Tom Manning) should make contact earlier in the year to inform them of our scheduling needs regarding the fair and grounds cleanup spring and fall. Also follow up on whether the annual contract has been signed.
7. Giving Tree
 - a. The Knights of Columbus typically gives \$300 for coats.
 - b. Fifteen or sixteen coats are needed this year. \$1000 left over from 2016 will be used this year.
 - c. We are cooperating with the Marines to provide toys for children and with the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department.
 - d. An announcement will be put in the bulletin.
8. Communion under both species:
 - a. More Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed for this to be available at all Masses. This is an issue for those from Sacred Heart seeking a new parish.

- b. Currently, Communion under both species is available on the first Sunday of the month and at all Solemnities. An announcement will be put in the bulletin.
 - c. Father will ask for more volunteers to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Especially need more for the 7:30 a.m. Mass.
9. The Bolton Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Maurice on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is recommended.
- a. The Bolton Congregational Church is sponsoring a Festival of Trees. Decorated trees should reflect the mission and values of the participating organizations.
10. Cassocks need to be repaired and cleaned per Shirley Holbrook. Five new ones may be purchased. There is a catalog in the church office. An expense should be submitted to Theresa for reimbursement.
11. Tom Manning recommended that Father Leon appoint a Social Committee as previously proposed. This is an opportunity to get new people involved. One new parishioner is a special events coordinator.
12. Bulletin forms for Parish Membership and Mass Memorials: Theresa is getting responses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a prayer led by Father Leon. The next meeting will be held December 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Manning, Council Member