

## MINUTES OF THE ST. MAURICE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of May 8, 2018

**Attendance:** Fr. Leon Susaimanickam, Amie Tillman, Kathy Perlitz, Janusz Herasimowicz, Tom Manning, Anna Czercowy, Dorli Cloutier, Lou Cloutier, Bonnie Benevides;

**Excused:** Mike Harney, Sharon Scorso

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Father Leon opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting were approved as amended:
  - a. Item 5.b. to read: Windows on the South Side of the Parish Center will be replaced after the Fair. One is broken. Cost estimate is \$10,000.
3. Faith Formation report was given by Amie Tillman as follows:
  - a. The draft schedule and registration forms for 2018-19 have been distributed. All teachers are returning.
  - b. The last class of 2017-18 was held April 29. A Youth Mass was celebrated the same day.
  - c. The May Crowning will be at the 10:00 Mass on May 13.
  - d. First Reconciliation and First Communion are scheduled for May 19 and May 20, 2018.
4. Financial Report per Mike Harney via Kathy Perlitz: no major changes through the end of April.
  - a. Complaints from parishioners of too many second collections.
  - b. Due to the continuing deficit, Father proposes to make an appeal during June to increase giving to the offertory. This might be done after discussion of the financial report through June 30, 2017 that we already have. Putting it off until September based on the June 30, 2018 report would be too late.
5. Lou Cloutier reported on Property Management as follows:
  - a. Estimated cost to replace the two identification signs out front is \$7,000. A skilled parishioner has volunteered to rehabilitate them. They may be missing during the summer if he removes them temporarily to work on them at home.
  - b. The leak in the sacristy roof has been repaired.
  - c. Mike Harney, Lee Snuffer, and Tom Manning will substitute for Lou Cloutier as needed while he is away for the summer.
  - d. Potential Eagle Scout projects:
    - i. The clothing shed for donations to WAIM needs to be replaced.
    - ii. The wood deck in the front of the Parish Center needs repair.
6. Tom Manning reported on activities of the Knights of Columbus on behalf of Tony Girasoli:
  - a. The Spring Fling held on April 21 with help from the new Fellowship Circle was very successful with activities for parents and for their children.
  - b. The 2018 Drive for Charities Golf Scramble is planned for July 7, 2018 at Tallwood Country Club in Hebron. Proceeds from 2017 enable gifts totaling more than \$5,000 to thirteen local and international charities, including increased gifts to MACC and WAIM that the parish cannot afford.
7. The Parish survey is being compiled by Tony Girasoli and Amie Tillman.

8. Commissions being formed in relation to the survey were discussed.
  - a. Points to be considered:
    - i. Existing functions will be maintained, although they may be related in new ways.
    - ii. The only new function will be performed by the Fellowship Circle. Its purpose is to encourage socializing among parishioners. It is formed within the Social Activities Commission.
    - iii. The purpose of the Commissions is to revitalize the parish by getting new people involved in its work.
    - iv. The effort has attracted some new volunteers, and we are working out how to make best use of their talents.
    - v. While attendance has been encouraging, not everyone signed up has shown up. This may be due to the short notice on which the first meetings were called. We hope for better attendance with more advance notice.
  - b. Organization
    - i. The overall structure follows that of the Universal Church.
    - ii. Each subgroup will elect a Coordinator, who will communicate with the officers.
    - iii. Father Leon will be the President of each Commission. Each Commission will also elect a Vice President and a Secretary.
    - iv. Officers from the Commissions will form the core of a reformed Pastoral (parish) Council. Father Leon may add other members.
    - v. The search for a second Trustee will begin with the new Council.
  - c. Commissions yet to meet:
    - i. Ecumenical Commission
      - 1) Bolton Ecumenical Council/BEC
      - 2) Manchester Area Conference of Churches/MACC
      - 3) Windham Area Interfaith Ministry/WAIM
    - ii. Evangelization Commission
      - 1) Outreach to Haiti
  - d. Commissions yet to be formed:
    - i. Youth Commission
      - 1) for those Confirmed and
      - 2) up to 25 years old.
    - ii. Family Commission
9. Other business not discussed but noted below for a future agenda:
  - a. Need for a new Parish Directory.
  - b. Participation in the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Town of Bolton in 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Manning, Council Member