

Saint Maurice Parish Council Meeting of May 10, 2011

Attendance: Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Kathy Perlitz, Sharon Scorso, Charlie Luchini, Dorli and Lou Cloutier, Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Snuffer, Ron Massimino, Tom Manning, Dennis Esliger, and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:10 p.m.

The following agenda was discussed:

1. Minutes of the April 12th meeting were reviewed with the following amendment: Tom submitted detailed architectural drawings of the Church roof (only). Drawings of the Rectory roof are pending. With this correction, the minutes were then accepted.
2. **Faith Formation:** Thus far, 4 families have submitted registration forms for the next calendar year. On May 15th there will be a meeting of catechists to review the calendar for next year, and to discuss textbook selection. Parishioners should relate questions regarding Faith Formation to Fr. Wojciech. The last Wednesday catechism class at St. Maurice will be May 17th. It will begin with a Mass for Children, followed by a reception in the Parish Center. The Council extends sincere gratitude for Rella Bernabucci in acting as our Director of Faith Formation for the past 2 years.
A discussion ensued on the issue of Safe Environments for Children and Adults. Dennis stressed that any adult parishioner who is involved in a ministry that has contact with children should be certified through this diocesan sponsored program. This can be achieved by either attending Praesidium education, which entails viewing video instruction, or by completing tutorials through the internet Armatus on line program. He is in process of becoming a certification instructor. He hopes to offer the video program in June here at the parish, and any one interested in the on line program should contact him. Announcements will be made from the pulpit, bulletin, and Tom will place a link on the parish website. Dennis will bring the diocesan policy regarding Safe Environments to the next Council meeting, which will aid in determining whether a parish policy should be devised.
3. **Teen Canteen:** Ron stated that the Knights of Columbus will host the first Teen Canteen this Friday night with a barbecue and bon fire. He has 6 adult chaperone volunteers. Tom stated that the high school will not allow him to advertise this event due to a federal mandate. Options of informing high school students in the future will be via modern media, such as Facebook. The Council thanked Tom on his efforts of promoting teen socialization.
4. **Property Management:** Lou reported that he is starting to receive contractor bids for replacement of the flat roof sections on the Church. Asbestos testing both on the interior ceiling tiles and exterior roof sections has resulted in a minimal amount on a portion of the roof flashing. The roofing contractor will be able to straightforwardly address this during roof replacement. The Property Management Team will meet the end of this week to review bids and begin the process of notifying and seeking permission from the Chancellery. Issues on how to finance will be addressed. The stone ballast will be removed and hopefully kept on site and reused, which will save on cost. During Lou's hiatus this summer, Ron M. and Rich Gidius will help chair property management. Lou advised that the current roof is jeopardized, and in danger of leakage. It is a matter of vigilance during rain storms, with respect to mitigating water from reaching the pews/floor via a sump pump on the roof and placing buckets to collect interior water intrusion. Select parishioners will oversee this. He will be available via email and cell phone should any concerns arise.

5. **Rekeying:** Ron stated that it will cost approximately \$350-400 to replace the locks on the Parish Center. Keys will be issued to persons identified with high need. Theresa will have a list of those persons with keys. It is important to be responsible for the building by assuring various duties, such as turning off lights, fans, and ensuring doors are latched properly, are met. Recommended is to post a checkout list proximal to the front door. Joe Lagasse will be asked to change the security code on the alarm.
6. **Pastoral Planning:** Minutes of the previous meeting on Restructuring of Parishes in the Vernon Deanery were reviewed. Many expressed gratitude to the Bishop for the appointment of Fr. Wojciech. A motion was made on the behalf of the Parish Council to formally communicate this appreciation via a letter. Sharon Snuffer offered to draft it.
7. **Vigil Mass time:** 103 ballots have been counted: 57 votes for a 5:00 pm Mass time
46 votes for 4:00 pm
Fr. Wojciech stated that the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening will begin at 5pm effective on July 2nd, when he returns from vacation. It will be moved back to 4 pm when Daylight Savings Time ends in November. Notice of the changes will be made on the signage in front of the church, as well as the bulletin and website.
8. A brief discussion proceeded on whether to place special offertory envelopes in the church for visitors.
9. The movie shown on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, Karol, the Man Who Would be Pope, was given positive feedback by those in attendance with recommendations for an encore showing perhaps next Fall/Winter.
10. **BINGO:** Kathy is still in the process of researching the essentials for BINGO. She will offer more information in the future.
11. **Parish Center Rental:** Kathy will connect with Paula Meyers regarding issues of tax exempt status.
12. Crowning of Mary with a procession of children will take place during the 10:00 am on May 15th.
The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cinea