

Parish Council meeting of April 16, 2013

Attendance: Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Kathy Perlitz, Ron Massimino, Dorli and Lou Cloutier, Sharon Snuffer, Tom Manning and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:05 pm, the following was discussed:

1. The minutes of February's meeting was reviewed with the following amendments: there are **seven** candidates for First Communion, the cost of forwarding postcards as part of parish evangelization to households in Bolton and surrounding towns is **\$900** per quarterly mailings, and this parish is advertised in *Everything Bolton, CT* in Facebook. (Corrections were made immediately to allow approved minutes to be distributed into the bulletin in a timely manner.)

2. **Faith Formation:** Registration forms for the calendar year of 2013-14 will be distributed to families this Sunday during classes. Fees were lowered both for those registering late and the cap for families with 3 or more children. It is hoped that completed registration forms will be handed in on the last day of class to allow ample time over the summer for program preparation. Additionally, these forms may be mailed, dropped into the offertory basket, hand delivered to the Parish Office or completed electronically on the parish website.

3. **Pastoral Planning:** No new information.

4. **Finance:** A few of the Parish Council members met with the Finance Council. No formal report was given.

5. **Property Management:** Carpeting of the Parish Center Hall, Library and corridor will begin this Wednesday with expectation for completion by Friday. **Servpro** has offered annual cleaning. Advocated is to upgrade the current vacuum with a commercial model. Replacement of the water storage tanks is scheduled also for this Wednesday. Completion of sealing of all doors and windows needs to be done before next winter. The north doors to the Church are buckling. Changing out the framing within the next 2 weeks should rectify the problem. The Rectory furnace needs replacement. It is the original, and in need of repairs. A new furnace will improve fuel efficiency. Replacement for the flat roof sections of the Rectory will cost \$28,600. No loans will be incurred. The cost will be paid through memorial donations. The exterior bricks of the Church require periodic resealing. This process is due and will be completed next week. Repairs to the cracked asphalt areas in the parking lots will be done this summer with warmer temps. The Council is requesting the Boy Scouts to assist with Fall and Spring outdoor clean up in exchange for usage of parish property. Tom will discuss this issue with Mike Harney, and draft a letter of recommendation. Proposed is to purchase a wall mounted flat screened TV for placement in the Cronin Library for educational sessions, and possibly in several downstairs classrooms. The old box TVs on roller carts pose safety concerns and require an adaptor for use of a DVD player. Parishioners utilizing the building facilities are encouraged to be mindful in assuring that thermostats are reset, lights turned off, and doors properly latched when exiting buildings after usage. This allows for reduced energy consumption and promotes security. A volunteer is sought to water the flowerboxes and planters twice weekly this spring/summer. The walkway project completed by Scout Josh Meyers will need grass seeding in areas. He sent a letter thanking both the parish and KOC for their generosity in funding this Eagle Scout project. Money left over will be returned back to both sources.

6. **Bingo:** Attendance has increased. The outdoor grill currently being used is in disrepair and needs replacement. Fr. Wojciech has asked Keith Depathy to investigate new models. Recommended is that a multifunctional unit with greater surface area be purchased. This model should be capable of fastening into the kitchen propane tank for improved safety.

7. **MACC:** St. Maurice was one of the original supporters when MACC was founded 40 years ago. A picture of the church is included in an anniversary logo sheet.

8. **ACA:** This parish has reached 92 % of its goal in support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The goal is 100 % and achievable if those individuals/families yet to give, just offer a gift of even \$5.

9. **Electronic donations:** 3-4 parishioners regularly contribute their weekly offertory in this manner. The benefit of online donation is a constant, weekly source of steady income. This avenue needs more promotion to encourage parishioners to consider utilizing this service.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 pm. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cinea