

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of April 11, 2016

**Attendance:** Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Kathy Perlitz, Janusz Herasimowicz, Sharon Snuffer, Lou and Dorli Cloutier, Anna Cwercowy, Lisa Anderson, Bonnie Benevides and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer. The minutes of March's meeting were reviewed and accepted. The following was discussed:

1. Ron Massimino has resigned as a member of the Parish Council. We wish to thank him for his years spent on the Council. His leadership and support will be missed. Jonathan Van Dine has resigned as a parish trustee. A gratitude of thanksgiving for the giving of his time and oversight for our parish.
  2. **Youth Faith Formation:** The month of May ensues many activities. The **ProceSSIONal and Crowning of the Virgin Mary** will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am Mass. The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Our two parishes rotate hosting this sacrament. Seven St. Maurice students will be confirmed. On Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10 am Mass, these soon to be confirmed candidates will be recognized at a special gathering in the lower level of the church. A celebratory cake will be ordered. All are welcome. **First Penance** will be on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> followed by **First Holy Communion**, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Five youth will be receiving this sacrament. Congratulations to these two classes of youth upon the receiving of the Sacraments of Initiation.
  3. **Finance:** Much appreciation to those who make up their offertories while away. This is vital. Our bills haven't taken a vacation!
  4. **Property Management:** With regards to replacement windows for the Parish Center classrooms, a 3<sup>rd</sup> contractor has been obtained; estimate is pending. The same landscaper is contracted for lawn cutting services this year. Again, he will reduce the frequency of service during the warmer weather when grass grow slows. The company which oversees the security monitoring of the Parish Center and Rectory buildings will also electronically monitor a carbon monoxide detector. Bonnie will contact a known custodial cleaning service to request an estimate for weekly cleaning of the church and periodic cleaning of the Parish Center. The Boy Scouts will provide their annual outdoor lawn Spring clean-up on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A representative from JP Solar will attend the Council meeting of May 10<sup>th</sup> to provide information on solar panels. The parish electric bill averages between \$500-\$600/month. This will be an information seeking consultation only- at this time.
  5. **Parish Website:** Any new changes to the format of the website is tabled until Tom is able to present at a meeting.
  6. **Front advertisement signs:** John Anderson obtained the cost of adding finials: \$80/pair + \$30 for gold leaf with total cost for supplies at \$110. He will provide the labor pro bono. A new announcement for summer will be sought. The other two Mass announcement wooden signs will need refurbishing, which will be deferred to the Fall.
  7. The Knights of Columbus **Spring Fling** was a success and a good time was had by all who attended. A big thank you to Tony Girasoli for coordinating this event. It is hoped to be repeated again next year.
  8. **Missalettes:** Parishioner feedback includes a desire to keep the Missalettes. Many like to read along to improve comprehension and/or to review the Scripture readings before the start of Mass.
  9. New ribbon will be sought to use for the church Christmas décor: tree, poles and windows. The present is at least 30 years old. It is time for a spruce up!
  10. **Easter flowers:** Suggested for next year is to order flowers for the altar that will complement both the colors of the embroidered flowers on the altar cloth and those on the poles. The new set-up this year looked beautiful.
  11. Joel Cohan has resigned as a member of the Bolton Ecumenical Council. He is a senior member and treasurer of this Council. He has kept a good eye on the finances, faithfully lectures at the annual Thanksgiving services and has provided genteel guidance and support. Thank you. Any interested parishioners interested in participation on the BEC, please speak with Fr. Wojciech. Of note, Rev. Chuck Ericson, pastor for 32 years of the Bolton Congregational Church, will be retiring effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. He has been a faithful supporter of the BEC.
- The meeting concluded at 8:20 pm. Next meeting, Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Cinea