

MINUTES OF THE ST. MAURICE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of February 13, 2018

Attendance: Fr. Leon Susaimanickam, Sharon Scorso, Janusz Herasimowicz, Tom Manning, Anthony Girasoli, Anna Czercowy, Dorli Cloutier, Lou Cloutier, Bonnie Benevides, Mary Ann Murphy, Amie Tillman;

Excused: Kathy Perlitz, Mike Harney

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Fr. Leon opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.
3. Faith formation report was given by Amie Tillman.
 - a. First Reconciliation and First Communion are scheduled for May 19 and May 20, 2018. A meeting with parents was held on February 4th.
 - b. A Youth Mass was celebrated on January 28.
 - c. Confirmation will be administered at an 11:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 10 at the Cathedral in Norwich. Tom Manning will contact parents with more information.
 - d. Stations of the Cross for children and youth was proposed. Pamphlets can be found in the ushers' closet. Children could do the readings at each Station. Fr. Leon and Amie Tillman will select a date for this service.
4. Financial report from Mike Harney via e-mail today: "at the half way point of the current fiscal year there are no unusual issues but the parish continues to experience a diminishing revenue stream, which resulted in an operating loss during the previous year of approximately \$12,000."
5. Status of the Finance Committee was discussed. Fr. Leon proposed that he meet with all groups during Lent and make a fresh start after Easter. The brochure on ministries needs to be updated as coordinators for some of them have changed.
6. Dorli Cloutier discussed items regarding Sleigh Bells Ring as follow:
 - a. Crafts group starts its weekly meetings tomorrow 2/14 after 9 a.m. Mass.
 - b. Input is desired regarding next projects for the proceeds. This will be an agenda item for next month. Immediate suggestions included fixing the broken windows in the Parish Center, repainting the main signs out front, an accessible restroom in the Church, and new carpeting in the Church.
7. Lou Cloutier reported on Property Management as follows:
 - a. The pair of double doors at opposite ends of the corridor in the lower level of the Parish Center will be replaced starting on Thursday.
 - b. Broken windows in the Parish Center are being fixed one by one.
 - c. Snow removal has been going well with the current vendor.
 - d. The clothing collection shed needs to be replaced.
 - e. The diocese is looking at all oil tanks more than 20 years old. Soil testing and continual monitoring may be needed, and replacement if failure is indicated.
8. Tony Girasoli reported on activities of the Knights of Columbus. New members are joining, and we have a local field agent. Pancake breakfasts have been successful. As part of giving from golf tournament proceeds, \$500 is being contributed to cleaning of the Parish Center kitchen.

9. A potential survey of the parish was discussed. An example from the Diocese of Portland was distributed. A committee was formed to prepare a survey relevant to St. Maurice. Members include Fr. Leon, Mary Ann Murphy, and Tony Girasoli. Other new business discussed:
 - a. Ministry Spotlight in the bulletin to let everyone know all that is going on.
 - b. Publish communications from the Diocese.
 - c. A monthly calendar with a view of all activities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Manning, Council Member

P.S. The March 13 meeting was cancelled due to snow. The next meeting will be held April 10, 2018.