

**Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Date: Thursday, June 18, 2015**

**Present:** Father Victor Valencia, MariLou Ernste, Shari Gruber, Sharon Kaisershot, June Malecha, Dan Pumper, Harry Redman, Mary Kay Reynolds, George Sticha, Elgin Trcka, Tracy Velishek,

**Absent:** David Dienst, Larry Vosejpka,

**Also Present:** John McDonough, Larry Smisek

The monthly meeting of the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Sharon Kaisershot. Father Valencia led us in prayer. The agenda was approved on a motion by Dan Pumper with a second from June Malecha. Motion Passed. The minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting were approved with correction on a motion by George Sticha and second by Mary Kay Reynolds. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments:** The suggestion box contained a favorable comment concerning the recent church interior painting ‘Loved the new colors.’

**Pastor Report:** Father Valencia said leadership of the Archdiocese is transferred from Archbishop Nienstedt to Archbishop Bernard Hebda who will act as the new Apostolic Administrator. It is a temporary appointment by Pope Francis. St. Patrick Trustee, Larry Vosejpka is suspended until further notice. Beginning the first Sunday in September the Mass time will change to 9:00 a.m. Father Valencia will be alternating with Father George Graftsky. Saturday Masses will continue to alternate between Father Victor and Father Dave Barrett. Cluster Weekend Masses will be as follows: St. Patrick – Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.; Most Holy Redeemer – Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.; St. Canice – Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

## **Standing Reports:**

**Building Committee/Maintenance/ Grounds Report:** Larry Smisek said the Committee is waiting for three bids on the window replacement in the Parish House. A motion was made by Tracy Velishek to go with the two bids on the old social hall demolition. MariLou Ernste seconded and the motion passed. Extensive cleaning of the well has been done in response to a bacteria detected on a water test. Placement of tempered glass in the classroom doors is awaiting approval of the Finance Council. Parish Council is to review the list of items in the old social hall that the Church wants to keep and return it to the office or Larry by Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Later this summer it will be announced that we will open it up to members of the parish. The Fire Call List has been updated. Placing of decorative rock, grading, seeding and clean-up is being done in flower beds on the grounds.

**Cemetery Report:** John McDonough reported that Mike Frana is now mowing the cemetery. The Statue in the cemetery is in need of restoration. Joe Fierst will clean, repair, paint, seal and highlight lettering not to exceed \$3,000. We will make a request for donations to cover that project in the bulletin. The Memorial Day program went well and attendance should improve as it becomes a yearly event. Father Victor brought up the idea of considering putting in a columbarium for cremated remains.

**CCW Report:** June Malecha reported that the CCW was able to purchase furniture and other items for the parish house from Marge Sowa when she and Mark moved to Faribault.

**Faith Formation Report:** Tracy Velishek reported that about half of last year's students have pre-registered for the 2015 & 2016 Religious Education classes in the fall. Faith Focus group will meet after Mass on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Committee Report:** Harry Redman reviewed the 2015-16 Budget. A motion was made by George Sticha to approve the budget. June Malecha seconded and the motion passed.

**Liturgy/Music Report:** Shari Gruber reported that a Baldwin Spinnet piano has been purchased to put in the social hall for event use. The baby Grand will no longer be moved from the sanctuary for concerts in the hall. Both pianos will be tuned in the near future. The Church is presently in Ordinary Time and 'green' is the theme. As part of our Mission Coop program, all Cluster churches welcomed Sister Rose Vu from the Good Shepherd Sisters order on behalf of the Friends of the Poor the weekend of June 13 & 14. As stated in the bulletin, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. before the weekday Mass. A new Roman Missal has been ordered.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Elections: Paul Dietz, Mary Kay Reynolds and Wayne Velishek will be commissioned, along with all other current members of the PPC, on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Mass. We welcome our new members and thank David Dienst and MariLou Ernste who will be going off of the Council
- GROW Report: Father Valencia reviewed the results of GROW which discerned our parish's strengths and weaknesses. It gave us a sense of who we are as a parish (desires and wishes) and enables us to proceed in a direction to attain a vision in line with the parish needs. We will be proceeding slowly and doing it well.
- Grand Party Update: Dan Pumper stated that more help is needed or the event cannot continue. Final figures are not in.
- Formation of a Liturgy Committee: is in progress.

## **New/Other Business:**

- None

## **Announcements:**

- There will not be a PPC meeting in July as Father Valencia will be on vacation.
- The Parish Fall Festival is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and we hope to have raffle tickets available soon.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- If you have suggestions or discussion items call Sharon Kaisershot 10 days prior to meeting or use suggestion box located by office

Dan Pumper moved to adjourn meeting with a second by MariLou Ernste.

Shari Gruber, secretary