

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016

FINAL **Time: 6:30 p.m.** **FINAL**

Present: Fr Victor Valencia, Sharon Kaisershot, Paul Dietz, Doug Knutson, June Malecha, Harry Redman, Elgin Trcka, George Sticha, Tracy Velishek, Wayne Velishek,

Absent: Dan Pumper, Mary Kay Reynolds

Also Present: Shari Gruber – secretary, Larry Smisek

The monthly meeting of the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Sharon Kaisershot. Father Valencia led us in prayer. Paul Dietz moved to accept the agenda with additions. It was seconded by June Malecha and the motion Passed. George Sticha moved to approve the March 10, 2016 PPC minutes. Doug Knutson seconded and motion passed.

Public Comments: No comments.

Pastor Report: Father Valencia stated the position for music director will be put on the Archdiocesan website. Interviews will be conducted with Father and one PPC member. They hope to have the selection finalized by mid June with a possible start date of July 1. Cindy McCormick needs to submit a letter of resignation by the end of June. Father Valencia announced that he needs a kidney transplant due to kidney failure related to diabetes. It is a 3 month process. It is his understanding that Father George Graftsky will be available for Masses, as Lonsdale will hopefully get a priest in June.

Standing Reports:

Building Committee/Maintenance/ Grounds Report: Larry Smisek reported that asphalt has been removed and the black dirt added to the old social hall lot. Tilling and seeding are yet to be done. Thanks to Wayne Velishek for helping when Larry was gone for the winter. The LP tank pads have been leveled and seeded. The garage door seal has been replaced. The Building Committee will not have any gutter estimates until May. Tom Dillon and Larry Smisek will install a deck rail on the parish house. The Building Committee will check the estimates for windows in the classroom doors.

Cemetery Report: No Report. Father Valencia plans to do a memorial service at St. Patrick cemetery for Memorial Day. The time will be announced.

CCW Report: June Malecha said the CCW has not met in quite a while but plans to meet in May. It was brought to her attention that one of the newly purchased coffee makers isn't working.

Faith Formation Report: Tracy Velishek said 18 couples signed up for the Celebration of Marriage which will be this Sunday, April 24th. Jeff and Brenda Jirik have accepted the role of leaders in the Marriage In Christ program and will speak at the event on Sunday. We had 6 second graders make their First Holy Communion on April 17th. Confirmation will be May 12th at the Cathedral in St. Paul and May 21st at Divine Mercy in Faribault. Parishes have an option because of Archbishop Hebda's Installation which is May 13th. The Jesus Food Service Project raised \$2,616.85. We would like to do it again next year because the project was received so well it is a very worthwhile project which feeds hungry children throughout the world. The final Religious Ed class will be May 4th with Mass and student awards given.

Finance Committee Report: Harry Redman gave the year-to-date 3rd quarter report which will be published in the bulletin. The Archdiocese has requested that all parishes get onboard with a centralized payroll system for employees by the end of the year. This will cost us \$700 and if we opt-out of the program we will lose all Archdiocesan sponsored benefits (insurance, retirement and health, etc.). The second collection for the Church of St. Mary in Melrose which burned on March 14th raised \$1,600 and the Finance Council voted to add \$400 to make it a \$2,000 donation to the church.

Liturgy/Music Report: Sharon Kaisershot reported that it has been a good Easter Season. She reminded all of us to wear red on Pentecost Sunday, the weekend of May 14/15. Cindy McCormick replaced 2 cracked chimes at no cost to us because they were still under warranty. Cindy's farewell concert is Sunday morning June 12th. She will be available if needed for an unknown period of time. We need to update the Eucharistic Minister (EM) guidelines and get them out to the ministers.

Unfinished Business:

- Parish Shirt Orders: Doug Knutson said changes are finalized on the order form and we are ready to accepting orders. Shirts on display show the six colors available. Sizes and prices are on the order form. People can choose, style, size and color then submit the order form and payment. Shirts should be available for pick-up in two weeks from the time the order is sent in.
- Steele Waseca LED Lighting Rebate: Larry Smisek did a schedule of the estimated time each light is used and Jay Valentyn of Cedar Lake Electric, is checking to see if the change-over will be cost effective. Some lights can be retrofit and others will need the whole fixture replaced so cost effectiveness needs to be figured out.
- PPC Elections: Father Valencia said that for three weekends beginning the weekend of April 23/24, there will be announcements in the bulletin. Nominations will be accepted May 14/15. Father Valencia will contact all nominees and they will be announced May 28/29. Absentee ballots will be available June 4/5 and must be returned by Friday, June 10. PPC elections will be held June 11/12 and winners announced the following weekend.
- Preservation of the Advertising Backdrop: Tracy Velishek said donations raised to preserve the backdrop recovered from the old social hall are \$2,240. George Sticha moved to proceed with the restoration of the backdrop. June Malecha seconded and the motion passed

New Business:

- Stage Platform Painting: Andy Velishek, Child's Play Theatre director requests permission to paint the stage platforms a flat black at no cost to the church. June Malecha moved to allow Andy Velishek to paint the stage platforms. Doug Knutson seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements:

- Big Bad Play: The Big Bad play will be presented here on Saturday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 24th at 1:00 p.m.
- Youth Minister: Father Valencia said it is pertinent that we begin a search for a youth minister to initiate youth activities in the parish. The Faith Formation committee will define a job description and present it to the Finance Council and then the Parish Council in the coming month. It is estimated the wages would be \$5,000 – 6,000 a year.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Wayne Velishek moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Doug Knutson. Motion Passed.

Shari Gruber, secretary