

**Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015**

**FINAL**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

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**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, Larry Vosejka,

**Absent:** David Dienst,

**Also Present:** None.

The regular (bi-monthly) meeting of the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Sharon Kaisershot. Chairman Kaisershot led us in prayer. The agenda was approved with one addition on a motion by June Malecha and a second from Mary Kay Reynolds. The minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with a motion by Mary Kay Reynolds and second by Dan Pumper.

**Public Comments:** in the suggestion box was a note that the church needs to address social concerns and social justice issues especially the persecution of Christians by ISIS.

**Pastor Report:** The Parish visit on February 17<sup>th</sup> was successful. We are waiting for the summary. Father Valencia reported on GROW. A 2 & 3 year plan of strategy will be structured with a vision plan and mission statement in place. The group is addressing the survey and acknowledges its importance in planning. The GROW committee will meet after Easter to review the 1<sup>st</sup> year plan/structure and implementation. Information will be in the bulletin.

## **Standing Reports:**

**Building Report:** No report was given.

**Cemetery Report:** No report (absent)

**CCW Report:** June Malecha reported that the meeting was rescheduled due to bad weather. The group will meet on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Faith Formation Report:** 2 adults are in our RCIA program – Karin Bias and Casandra Steeves. Students are preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation. Adult Family Focus class will be rescheduled due to Easter.

**Finance Committee Report:** Harry Redman reported that some surplus funds have been moved into a designated maintenance savings account for unexpected repairs. It will not be part of the yearly budget. All St. Patrick events now require a budget form to be filled out. St. Patrick receives a significant discount due to the fact that we participate in Catholic Mutual's Pace Prism program.

**Liturgy/Music Report:** Shari Gruber reported the ‘Mass of Renewal’ responses are being used during Lent. Mass of ‘Loy & Hope’ will be used for Easter and then we are going back to the ‘Glendalaugh Mass’ for Ordinary Time. Church decorating will focus on Lent & Easter. Archbishop Harry Flynn will preside at Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses. Father Victor will preside at Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

**Maintenance/Building/Grounds Report:** Harry Redman reported for Larry Smisek that the light bulbs have been replaced in the ladies bathroom as well as the exit lights. The next time a lift unit is rented the bulbs in the sanctuary will be replaced. A new pump has been installed in the Baptismal font with a water filter added to cut down on sediment and discoloration. Acknowledgements for donated work will be sent to Tom Trnka and Dick Misgen.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Tracy reported on the success of the Holiday Open House and that Curtain Call Theatre will present ‘I Never Saw Another Butterfly’ on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. A meal will be served from 6 – 7 p.m. followed by the play at 7 p.m.
- The St. Patrick’s Day event was well attended with youth participation at Mass and helping with the dinner after. 27 stayed to play Bingo.

### **New/Other Business:**

- Ski Trip - There was not response from altar servers to attend. We are looking at coming up with a list of activities that we will hand out to current servers to get feedback on what they would like to do.
- Formation of a Building Committee – we are in the process of selecting a knowledgeable group of 4 – 5 people.
- The removal of the Old Hall – will be addressed by the Building Committee.
- Replacement of Windows & Doors in Parish House – an assessment will be made.
- Painting the Church Interior (using donated funds) – will be completed upon approval of the colors by someone from St. Patrick’s Guild who works with churches that are redecorating. George Sticha moved to approve with a second by MariLou Ernste. Motion Passed.
- Parish Council Secretary – June Malecha moved to search for a person (not on the PPC) to act as secretary. George Sticha seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- PPC Elections – George Sticha moved to begin the process of nomination for seats on the PPC (putting it out to the congregation, nomination of candidates, and election). June Malecha seconded the motion and it passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Dan Pumper, with a second by Mary Kay Reynolds. The Next meeting will be Tuesday April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

If you have suggestions or discussion items call Sharon Kaisershot 10 days prior to meeting or use suggestion box located by office

Shari Gruber, secretary