

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2016

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

Present: Fr Victor Valencia, Sharon Kaisershot, Doug Knutson, Dan Pumper, Elgin Trcka, George Sticha, Tracy Velishek, Wayne Velishek,

Absent: Paul Dietz, June Malecha, Harry Redman, Mary Kay Reynolds

Also Present: Shari Gruber – secretary,

The monthly meeting of the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Sharon Kaisershot. Father Valencia led us in prayer. Doug Knutson moved to accept the agenda with additions. It was seconded by Wayne Velishek and the motion Passed. Doug Knutson moved to approve the April 21, 2016 PPC minutes. George Sticha seconded and motion passed.

Public Comments: No comments.

Pastor Report: Father Valencia updated us on his need for a kidney transplant due to kidney failure related to diabetes. The 3 month process has begun and he hopes to be on the kidney transplant list by mid June. As soon as he is on the list, he will open up the search for a donor. St. Patrick will be setting aside some of our GROW goals. He wants us to concentrate for the next 1-2 years on building parish community by enriching our liturgies and doing more ‘social’ (fellowship) events. Some suggestions included a Tribute to Farmers (Mass & Blessing), a Mass for Expectant Mothers, etc. The liturgy committee will work on this. A classic car show was also suggested

Standing Reports:

Building Committee/Maintenance/ Grounds Report: Dan Pumper reported for Larry Smisek. The rail in the house deck has been replaced by Tom Dillon and he has offered his labor to install windows in the classroom doors. The site of the old social hall has been reseeded thanks to Larry Smisek and John McDonough. Father Victor recommended a thank you be sent to all mentioned along with all Religious Education teachers and Bernarr & Georgia Kline for their donation. In regard to switching over church lighting to LED – Jay Valentyn of Cedar Lake Electric has estimated the cost to exceed \$15,000. The Parish Pastoral Council agreed that it will not be cost effective at this time.

Cemetery Report: No Report. Father Victor gave his Memorial Day schedule for Cemetery services. Trebon – 10 a.m., Kilkenny – 11 a.m., St. Patrick – 1:45 p.m., St. John’s in rural Montgomery – 3 p.m., Calvery in Montgomery – 4 p.m..

CCW Report: No Report.

Faith Formation Report: Tracy Velishek reported that the Faith Formation committee is in the process of writing a job description for a youth minister. Religious Education teachers met for an End-of-the-Year wrap-up meeting. The group thought this past year went very well and they would like to have 2016-17 class schedule end in April. Jesus Food or something like it will be done again next year and opened up to the parish.

Finance Committee Report: Dan Pumper said the 3rd Quarter Report will be published in the bulletin.

Liturgy/Music Report: Sharon Kaisershot reported on the Liturgy Committee meeting which was held on May 5th. Confirmation and Graduate Recognition was held on May 7th at the 5 p.m. Mass with a recognition to follow. A campaign for additional lectors will begin in October. The weekend of June 18/19 there will be a Mass dedicated to Farmers with a Crop Blessing. There is a plan to include a monthly calendar in the bulletin each month.

Unfinished Business:

- PPC Nominations: 16 nominations were received. Father Victor will contact those nominated to see if they are willing to be put on the ballot. Candidates will be announced the weekend of May 28/29 and PPC Elections will take place the weekend of June 11/12, 2016.
- Funeral Director: Tracy Velishek and Denise Haaland are in the process of creating a guide book for funerals at St Patrick.
- Grand Party Report: Dan Pumper gave a preliminary report on the Grand Party. All tickets were sold, the dinner was well received and it cost less. Prize winners will be in the bulletin.
- Youth Minister: The Faith Formation Committee is working on a position description.

New Business:

- Red Cross Blood Drive: A motion was made by George Sticha to hold a blood drive at St. Patrick if there was enough interest. The drive would be held on Monday, July 18th or Thursday, July 21st. The motion was seconded by Wayne Velishek. Motion passed.
- General insurance Seminar: The seminar will be held on Tuesday, June 14 from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Academy. Attendees must be registered by May 31st so contact Tracy. Tentative attendees include: Harry Redman, Arleen Roberts, Sharon Kaisershot, Tracy Velishek, Doug Knutson, Mary Ann Gaughan and Wayne Velishek.
- Social Hall Piano: The piano which is located in the social will be moved to the parish house for Father Victor to play at his leisure.

Announcements:

- Cindy's Farewell Concert: The date is Sunday, June 12th. Right after Mass, the congregation will be invited into the social hall for light refreshments. At 10:45 a.m. they will be invited back into the sanctuary for the concert featuring the Ladies Choir, Bell Choir, Bell Ensemble & Harp. WE hope all will come to say farewell to Cindy.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Wayne Velishek moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from George Sticha. Motion Passed.

Shari Gruber, secretary