

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016

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

Present: Sharon Kaisershot, Doug Knutson, John McDonough, Dan Pumper, Harry Redman, Mary Kay Reynolds, George Sticha, Elgin Trcka, Tracy Velishek, Wayne Velishek,

Absent: Fr Victor Valencia, June Malecha,

Also Present: Shari Gruber, secretary and 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 who also led us in prayer. George Sticha moved to accept the agenda with a couple additions. It was seconded by Wayne Velishek and the motion Passed. Wayne Velishek moved to approve the August 18, 2016 PPC minutes. George Sticha seconded and the motion passed.

Public Comments: No comments.

Pastor Report: Father Valencia was not present. His transplant is scheduled for October 17th.

Standing Reports:

Building Committee/Maintenance/ Grounds Report: Larry Smisek reported on the leaf guards for the gutters. Wayne moved to recommend to the Finance Council to have Tom Trnka install leaf guards on the house gutters. The motion was seconded by George Sticha and passed. Larry said that after monitoring the stove in the church kitchen, the pilot light goes out during a power outage or when there is testing of the fire pump. For now he thinks they have it figured out. If the pilot lights do go out, don't light them. Contact Larry Smisek or Tracy in the office. The fire sprinkler heads are over 10 years old. At some point we may get a warning that they need to be checked and possibly replaced.

Cemetery Report: John McDonough stated that a CD is coming due and it will be evaluated by the committee to see what how they will handle it.

CCW Report: No Report.

Faith Formation Report: Tracy Velishek reported that the first Religious Ed Class was held on September 14th and Father Victor said a Mass which youth participated in. We currently have 62 youth in our program. A Confirmation Booklet with all essential information has been put together. The Confirmation program has also been revised as follows: 8th Grade – 1st half of Decision Point program, 9th Grade – 2nd Half of Decision Point Program and 10th Grade – A year of service and giving back. The Faith Focus group will meet on Sunday, September 25th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Finance Committee Report: Harry Redman reported that the budget has been published in the bulletin the weekend of September 10/11. With the demolition of the old social hall we will save \$1,400 on our insurance expense. We have had several inquiries on the custodial position with one application submitted at this time. We are weighing the options of having this position be a contract position rather than an employee. Catholic Mutual Group, our insurance provider, did a walk-thru on the buildings and found no violations. This is the 3rd year we have done that.

Liturgy/Music Report: Sharon Kaisershot reported that a Liturgy Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m. Father will bless all students and teachers at Masses the weekend of September 10/11 as this is the weekend before our classes begin. On October 2nd at our Fall Festival Mass he will do a blessing that farmers have a successful harvest. He would like families to participate as gift bearers, greeters and ushers. Religious Vocation weekend is October 8/9/. Father Patrick Griffin, a native of St. Patrick, will be asked to speak to us about his vocation on that Sunday and we will have a fellowship after Mass. The committee is focusing on Lectors. A Lector campaign will begin the weekend of September 24/25. St. Patrick will host the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service on Tuesday, November 22nd which is a collaboration of St. Patrick, Most Holy Redeemer and St. John's Lutheran - Montgomery, St. Canice – Kilkenny, and St. Scholastica – Heidelberg. Tracy Velishek, Sharon Kaisershot and Father Victor Valencia attended a Stewardship workshop on Thursday, August 25th which offered much information on Millennials (those born between 1980 and 2000). On Monday, December 12th there will be a Communal Penance here from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

- Holiday Open House: Tracy Velishek reported that we are full with 49 vendors, 4 are new.
- Fall Festival: Raffle Ticket sales are going well. Denise and Rolf Haaland are chairs of the Festival. The group feels that a meeting is in order to see if all areas of the Festival are being covered. Prizes are needed for Bingo – donations will be requested.
- Alcohol Awareness Training: will be here on Monday, September 27th at 7 p.m. for anyone wishing to serve alcohol at any event held at St. Patrick.

New Business:

- Hiring a Part-time Office Assistant was an administrative decision made by Father Victor.
- A bouquet of flowers or a plant will be sent to the kidney donor on behalf of the parish and Father Victor.

Announcements:

- No Announcements.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Doug Knutson moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mary Kay Reynolds. Motion Passed.

Shari Gruber, PPC secretary