

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2018
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Father Victor Valencia, Doug Knutson, Harry Redman, Elgin Trcka, Dan Pumper, Matt Ness, Mark Lessman, Denise Flicek, John McDonough.
Absent: Jason Sanborn, June Malecha, Tracy Velishek.

Chairman Knutson called the meeting to order and we began with a moment of prayer. Harry Redman moved to approve the agenda with a second from Mark Lessman. The minutes were approved on a motion by Denise Flicek, with a second from Mark Lessman. Chairman Knutson reported on a note in the suggestion box inquiring about the election process for the Parish Council. Father reported that all candidates were contacted and many refused. Our two candidates did accept willingly.

Pastor Report: Father reported that the orientation for E.M. and Lector ministry was well received by the 26 ministers, and those wishing to become ministers, who attended. Father also requested we appoint a parish historian—someone with a history of the parish and who has access to photos, old and new, who can continue to update our website with past and current events. We will print a request in the bulletin and place in weekly announcements.

Standing Committee Reports:

Building/Maintenance/Grounds: Harry Redman reported the septic system alarms have been going off. The relay board has been replaced and the pumps have been wired separately reportedly resolving the problem. Also discussed was the replacing of the 1 & 2 heating units. The electronic boards have already been replaced. Current quotes are at \$23,000 per unit. Depending on the heating season we will be getting several more quotes.

Cemetery: John McDonough reported no new information.

CCW: There was no report.

Faith Formation: Denise Flicek reported that November will be busy with fundraising bake sales for pre-school, 5th grade, 4th and 7th grades, and a donut sale for 8th & 9th grades. The youth group has set up a Giving Tree to benefit those who could use a little help this Christmas.

Finance: Harry Redman reported that church income is down, and expenses are up. The largest expenses are in the 1st quarter. The Finance Council will encourage "Direct Deposit" to encourage a steadier income source. Also suggested, that we publish a "specific project" column in the bulletin for those parishioners unaware of special church needs. Funds can then be directed to that project or need.

Liturgy: Sharon Kaisershot reported on Advent preparations and the decorating and music for the upcoming Christmas season. She also encouraged attending the Ecumenical Service that will be held at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Unfinished Business: We are still recruiting parishioners for our social media reporting. We will begin training for our new security system. Trainers will be Matt Ness and Denise Flicek and they will be training in 5 sessions after Saturday and Sunday Masses. All needing training will be contacted.

New Business: The council heard reports on the Grand Party/2020 Festival. Denise Haaland reported on several venues: a change of day, a change in the season, a different event, a community involvement. The council would like to see greater youth involvement.

The council will hold a "meet and greet" after Mass on December 2nd or December 9th.

We discussed an "Appreciation Dinner" for all volunteers and ministers to be held in April.

The council meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the future.

There will be no Pastoral Council meeting in December.

Announcements: St. Patrick's will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, December 10, 2018, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the social hall.

With no further business the chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mark Lessman made the motion and Matt Ness made the second. The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Kaisershot, PPC Secretary