

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016

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

Present: Sharon Kaisershot, Paul Dietz, Doug Knutson, Dan Pumper, Elgin Trcka, George Sticha, Tracy Velishek, Wayne Velishek

Absent: Fr Victor Valencia, June Malecha, Harry Redman, Mary Kay Reynolds, Shari Gruber – secretary.

Also Present: None

The monthly meeting of the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Sharon Kaisershot. Sharon led us in prayer. George Sticha moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Paul Dietz. Motion Passed. All of us read over the minutes from the November 2015 and January 2016 meeting minutes. Wayne Velishek moved to approve both minutes. Doug Knutson seconded and the motion passed.

Public Comments: Comment #1 – we need a better sound system in church because it is difficult to hear. In discussion the comment was made that some of the youth and adults do not have the mic close enough to pick up their voices. Comment #2 – For Christmas 2016 do not put the baby Jesus and the crèche on the back wall. Christmas is about baby Jesus and he should be front and center.

Pastor Report: There were no pastor comments.

Standing Reports:

Building Committee/Maintenance/ Grounds Report: No Report.

Cemetery Report: No Report.

CCW Report: No Report

Faith Formation Report: Tracy Velishek reported that Religious Education is going well. First Reconciliation will be February 24th because there was a snow day on Feb. 3rd. Youth are participating in the Jesus Food service project. Each ‘packer’ needs to raise \$20 so classes are coming up with fundraising opportunities such as bake sales, soup sales, etc. The parish can help financially if they choose. All help is appreciated. We are looking at doing an event for Married couples the end of April in conjunction with a play that will be performed here.

Finance Committee Report: Dan Pumper read the 2nd quarter finance report prepared by Harry Redman. Tracy Velishek also reported the money collected by sale of Old Social Hall Items and monies collected for the Stage Backdrop. We still need over \$1,000 before we can proceed with that project.

Liturgy/Music Report: Sharon Kaisershot said the Liturgy Committee will meet on February 24th. Archbishop Harry Flynn will again be here for our Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil will begin at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass was well attended. There will be a special activity for the Palm Sunday Mass. Communal reconciliation for the parish is on Monday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. with two priests. Plans are going well for the ‘Steubenville Table Event’ on Sunday, March 6th.

Maintenance Report: No Report.

Unfinished Business:

- Parish Sweatshirts: Doug Knutson showed samples of the logo design and shirt color. Shirts will be printed by Karen Bussert of Design Specialties. We will do up an order form that members can choose: size, style, and color they want.
- Funeral Director Status Report: No Report

New Business:

- Lighting Rebate: Lance Chappuis was not present but Wayne Velishek told a little about it. We need to check when the deadline to get the rebate is.
- George Sticha brought up wages for employees. It is up to Father Victor and the Trustees to determine if there are any raises.
- George Sticha also brought up the Polka Mass for our 2016 Fall Festival. He would like to see a 10:00 a.m. Mass again on that day. Ideas need to go through the Festival Committee.
- The Grand Party Committee would like to begin serving at 5:00 p.m. on May 14th. Can the Mass be moved to 4:00 p.m. on that day so we can serve after Mass like Father Victor wants

Announcements:

- Father Rueben Spinler will not be returning to help with our cluster Masses because he is very ill and on hospice.
- With Father Spinler unable to help anymore and Father George Grafsky committed to help in Lonsdale, until they get a priest, we will be struggling to find help. George Sticha moved that we do not want to move from the 9:00 a.m. Mass we have now. Wayne Velishek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Trustees will meet with Father Victor.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. because the 3rd Thursday is St. Patrick's Day. Doug Knutson moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Paul Dietz.
Motion Passed.

Tracy Velishek, acting secretary