

Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016

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Time: 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Sharon Kaisershot, Doug Knutson, John McDonough, Harry Redman, George Sticha, Tracy Velishek, Wayne Velishek

Absent: Fr Victor Valencia, June Malecha, Dan Pumper, Mary Kay Reynolds, Elgin Trcka,

Also Present: Shari Gruber, secretary

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 John McDonough and the motion Passed. George Sticha moved to approve the November 17, 2016 PPC minutes. Harry Redman seconded and the motion passed.

Public Comments: No comments.

Pastor Report: Harry Redman said Father Victor is ready to get back to his duties but he finds his body's stamina isn't there yet. He is driving and has high hopes to say a couple Christmas Masses.

Standing Reports:

Building Committee/Maintenance/ Grounds Report: Harry Redman reported that a furnace disconnect box was not working and replaced. We are due to have an electrical wire inspection as it is 5 years since the last one which Cedar Lake Electric did for us. A transformer on one of the microphone controls went out and was replaced. We will be purchasing a new microphone for the second podium to match the other. It was discovered that mice were entering the mechanical room via a floor drain which had no screen on it. Larry Smisek installed a screen on both ends and seems to have cleared up the problem.

Cemetery Report: John McDonough reported that three lots have been sold. The cost of lawn mowing for 2016 was \$7,000 or \$280 per mowing. This is considerably more than usually spent. Many have commented on how nice the cemetery looks. The Cemetery Committee is still planning a meeting to discuss alternative mowing.

CCW Report: No Report.

Faith Formation Report: Tracy Velishek reported a RE Christmas party was held Dec. 14th. Youth will begin fundraising to cover food packaging costs on February 11th for Food For Kidz of which each participant needs to raise \$25. Faith Focus will meet January 8th after Mass. The Faith Formation Committee plans to meet in January.

Finance Committee Report: Harry Redman reviewed the 2nd quarter finances. The part-time janitorial position has been filled by Alissa Simones.

Liturgy/Music Report: Sharon Kaisershot reported that Alissa Simones has also been hired as choir director. She will begin January 2, 2017. Alissa would like to continue the bell choir and is interested in getting more young people involved. Christmas decorating will be Wednesday, Dec. 21st after 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve will be a Family Mass and youth will participate in the choir and as ministers. The church year will be back in Ordinary Time after Christmas and we will return to the Glendalough Mass until Lent.

Unfinished Business:

- Holiday Open House: Tracy Velishek reported that we cleared about \$1,700 and there will be a full report in January.
- Donor Flowers – a poinsettia plant will be sent to the donor of Father Victor's kidney – not to exceed \$50. George Sticha will contact Father Victor for the name and take care of sending the flower.

New Business:

- Christmas flowers will be silk but Easter flowers will be live.
- A gift card will again be given to the Religious Ed Teachers at the end of the school year.

Announcements:

- Red Cross Blood Drive here on December 19th, 1 – 7 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Wayne Velishek moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Doug Knutson. Motion Passed.

Shari Gruber, PPC secretary