

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – April 30, 2015

Attendance:

Present: Anne Baarck, Diane Hale, Suzanne Haile, Nancy Ramhap, Mike Weinhofer, Robert Marande, Alicia King Redfern, Rose Rhoads, Al Cavallini, Lori Harding

Excused: Eric Wolf, Msgr. Lawrence, Bill Harding

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel of St. John 15: 1 – 8 for Sunday, discussion and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (March 5, 2015) were approved by consensus.

Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2014 - 2015 - 44 weeks. The difference is +\$15,288

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 2/28/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>8/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$817,763	\$748,792	\$ 68,971
Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 2/28/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>8/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$754,477	\$748,551	\$ 5,926

Beginning cash balance 7/1/14	\$ 110,006
Income exceeded expenditures 2/28/15	\$ 63,286
Ending cash balance 2/28/15	\$ 173,292

MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 3/31/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>9/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$917,437	\$842,475	\$ 74,962
Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 3/31/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>9/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$884,514	\$842,204	\$ 42,310

Beginning cash balance 7/1/14	\$ 110,006
Income exceeded expenditures 3/31/15	\$ 32,923
Ending cash balance 3/31/15	\$ 142,929

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>2/28/15</u>	<u>3/31/15</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 264,545	\$264,888
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 32,426	\$32,468
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 72,992	\$73,087
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,171	\$9,183
- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2015 - 2016 is \$82,600; It is too early to give a total of what has been pledged. Perhaps we will have it from the diocese next month.
- Maintenance/Facilities
 - We are still working on the access to the property for parking at 22 East Third Street – there is a meeting scheduled Tuesday, April 28, at 8:30 a.m. Will know more after tomorrow.
 - We purchased the two dwellings, one a single house and the other a double house at 108, 112, 116 East Third Street; settlement took place on Monday, April 27, 2015; we are trying to get more parking
 - Dent is working on the HVAC for the church, the cafeteria, and kitchen; when they are finished there,

then they will begin in the gymnasium and surrounding areas

- Side entrance to the church near the Rectory – we are looking at replacing the steps with steps and a ramp for handicap accessibility; also putting a small roof over that area
- The boiler needs much repair; we are looking into individual units for each of the classrooms; we will make some determination in the future once we receive the estimates for repair, replacement or individual units. We should have an estimate in two weeks.
- First Eucharist – Saturday, May 2
- Confirmation – Saturday, May 9

Liaisons' Report

School Report: Bob Marande made the following report:

- Academic Program:
 - Progress reports will go home on Friday, May 1. This marks the mid-point of the last trimester.
 - The St. Columba School community began the Middle States Association self-study in January 2014. The protocol entitled *Excellence By Design* required us to assess our school based on 12 standards of excellence and to develop action plans for growth. The completed self-study document is nearly 300 pages. Each member of the Middle States Visitation Team received a copy of the self-study prior to their arrival on April 26th. The Middle States team members examined back-up documents, policy books, curriculum, and other relevant materials. They also met with parents, teachers, administration, and staff during their visit from Monday, April 27 to mid-day on April 29th when the chairperson presented the Middle States oral report. It is gratifying to report that St. Columba School met or exceeded expectations for all of the standards. The reviewers also approved our plan for growth. The Middle States Commission will receive a recommendation to re-accredit St. Columba School.
 - Students completed the standardized tests required by the Diocese (Cogat and ITBS). The results should be back before the last day of school on June 10th. Algebra students will take the Keystone exam on May 20 and May 21.
 - 8th grade graduation is June 8th at 7:00 p.m.
 - Mr. Bidleman's students in grades 6 through 8 presented their project based learning results in the ELA classroom to panels of community experts, students, and parents. The students gathered information from interviews and from research to create imaginative, well organized, and thorough presentations.
 - Middle School students will attend a career expo in our gym on May 19th. We are still looking for professionals who can share information about their work.
 - The 4th grade class was moved to the library on Monday, April 27 because of a soaked classroom. The water fountain in the hall malfunctioned Sunday night and sent a large quantity of water into the classroom and into the principal's office. Professional clean-up people worked to restore normality. The final clean-up is scheduled for May 5, and we hope that the classroom will be ready for students on May 6th. Sister Jean and the students have continued to function well under the circumstances.
- Finances:
 - The budget for the new school year is was approved by the Board of Education. Tuition for the 2015-2016 school year is as follows:

Academic Fee:	\$250.00	Pre – 3:	\$1,300
1 Student:	\$3,375	Pre – K:	\$1,400 (3 half days)
2 Students	\$5,850	Pre – K:	\$1,700 (five half days)
3 Students	\$7,150		
4 Students	\$7,175		
 - 5% tuition discount available if the full tuition is paid by June 30, 2015. The discount cannot be applied to the academic fee.
 - The current budget is on target for this point in the school year. As of March 31, 2015, we received 76% of the budgeted income. Our total expenditures represented 70.7% of budgeted expenses.
 - The Leprechaun Loop 5K race/walk was held on 3/14/15. Although it was a rainy day, attendance

- was good, and we raised \$5,800.00.
- Raise the Region: We received a check for over \$600.00.
- Enrollment:
 - Registration for the 2015-2016 school year continues. At the present time, we have 116 students enrolled for next school year. That is five less than the present school year.
 - Some middle school students are leaving to play middle school sports; a few parents are experiencing financial issues.
- Personnel:
 - There is an active search underway for a new school principal. Mrs. Becker will retire at the end of this school year.
 - We need a part-time physical education teacher for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Events:
 - April
 - 4-17 HSA- Spaghetti Dinner and Elementary Fun Night
 - Week of 4/20 ITBS
 - 4/20 National Volunteer Recognition Day – Thank a volunteer
 - 4/20 Eucharistic Devotions at 1:30pm
 - 4/26 – 4/29 Middles States Team Visit
 - 4/30 Picture Day
 - May
 - 5/2 1st Holy Communion
 - 5/5 Teacher Recognition Breakfast sponsored by HSA
 - 5/6 Dress Down Day & Relay Races 1-2 p.m.; Faculty Meeting; HSA
 - 5/8 May Crowning @ 1:15 p.m.
 - 5/9 Confirmation
 - 5/12 BTE Workshop 9:00-9:30; BTE Show 1:00 – Middle School Only
 - 5/1 Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
 - 5/15 Race for Ed.
 - 5/19 Career Day & Board of Ed
 - 5/20 – 5/21 Keystone Algebra Exam
 - 5/27 School Confessions
 - June
 - 6/10 Last Student Day; 6/11 – Last Teacher Day
 - 6/5 Awards Assembly @1:15 p.m.
 - 6/3 Pre-School Celebration
 - 6/9 Moving Up Day and Kindergarten Celebration
 - 6/8 Summer Send Off and 8th Grade Graduation

Knights of Columbus – Bob Marande. The Knights of Columbus will hold a collection at the Masses this weekend for the EOS Therapeutic Riding Center. Last year they collected approximately \$9,000. It would be nice to collect about the same amount this year.

Legion Of Mary – Anne Baarck. The meetings for the past several months were cancelled due to weather. There will be nothing new to report until the June meeting. Anne will try to get the report from the Legion Of Mary prior to the council meeting.

Angels for Life – Sue Haile. Angels for Life had a stand at the Renaissance Fair and collected \$120. The Angels for Life will sell flowers after all of the Masses on Mother's day weekend.

Council of Catholic Women – Nancy Ramhap. The Council of Catholic Women will pass out Mass cards on

Mother's Day weekend.

Old Business

Nominations – Sue Haile. There are 4 open seats on the parish council. Sue has also 4 nominations. Sue will check with Msgr Lawrence to see if he has received any additional nominations and if there is a need for an election. The nominees so far are: Sue Haile, Diane Hale, Anne Baarck, and Carmen LaMacchia.

New Business

Travel Committee – Mike Weinhofer. Bill and Maryann Stacik will take over the travel committee.

Picnic Committee – Mike Weinhofer. The picnic committee will meet May 20th at 7:00pm to discuss plans for the parish picnic. The committee needs more people willing to help. Mike is willing to assist someone with the planning. However, he can no longer do the physical labor of moving tables, etc that is required.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with prayer led by Nancy Ramhap. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary