

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – February 2, 2017

Attendance:

Present: Anne Baarck, Msgr. Lawrence, Rose Rhoads, Nancy Ramhap, Robert Marande, Deb Dillon, Tom Martucci, Carmen LaMacchia, Lori Harding, Sue Haile, Diane Hale
Excused: Eric Wolf, Alicia King Redfern, Bill Harding

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and the Gospel reading for Sunday. The minutes of the previous meeting (Jan 5, 2017) were approved by consensus.

Pastor’s Report

- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2016 – 2017 is \$83,700. As of 2/1/17:

<u>Amount pledged</u>	<u>Paying Now</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$78,289.13	\$77,095.13	\$1,194.00

due from pledges of parishioners
 The parish paid \$5,495.87 on August 5th, the shortfall of the assessment.

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2016 - 2017 – 32 weeks. The difference is +\$8,801

DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 12/31/16

<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$651,031	\$571,760	\$79,271

Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 12/31/16

<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$555,762	\$571,244	\$15,482

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017

Total Income for six months ended 12/31/16

<u>Actual for 6 months</u>	<u>Year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
\$651,031	\$1,143,519	56.9%

Total Expenditures for six months ended 12/31/16

<u>Actual for 6 months</u>	<u>Year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
\$555,762	\$1,142,488	48.6%

Beginning cash balance 7/1/16	(\$ 2,223)
Income exceeded expenditures 12/31/16	<u>\$ 95,269</u>
Ending cash balance 12/31/16	\$ 93,046

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>11/30/16</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>1/31/17</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 27,340	\$ 27,375	\$ 27,411
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 578	\$ 579	\$ 579
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 29,214	\$ 29,252	\$ 29,290
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,420	\$ 9,432	\$ 9,444
- Other Business
 - The Town has given permission for the parish to have 14 parking spaces at the rear of

343 Center Street. We need to install parking blocks so that vehicles cannot exit onto Anthony Avenue or on the other neighbor's property. We have to put a walkway in leading to the tenant's back door. A parking space will be indicated for "Tenant Parking only." The work on this area is scheduled to be done in the very near future.

- Then the attorney will move on the East Third Street area and request permission from the Historical Society to raze the buildings. That presentation is being planned for February or March.
- A coach, sponsored by St. Columba Parish, was taken for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on January 27.
- Blessing of Throats will be this weekend of February 4 and 5
- Anointing of the Sick Mass will be on Sunday, February 12, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the "World Day of Sick" proclaimed by Pope John Paul II
- Lenten Mailing will be sent out during the middle of February. It will include a letter, the schedule for Lent, Lenten Appeal information, and a devotional pamphlet
- March 1st is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday
- School Stations and Stations of the Cross will begin on March 3

Liaison Reports

School Report: Bob Marande.

- Academic Program:
 - We received extra money from the state for book purchases and this money is being used to replace science books.
- Finances:
 - Year to date, everything is on track. The Capital Campaign has raised \$19,750 so far. The goal is \$23,000.
 - Winter Gala was a great success. Profit was about \$11,000
 - Discount cards are available in the school office, smart money table, and the Parish Office.
- Enrollment:
 - Has remained constant. Several new families did visit us during our open house on January 29th.
 - Hopefully, they will enroll their children in our school.
 - Holy Family School is scheduled to visit us on February 23rd.
- Students:
 - Catholic School's week activities are wrapping up with the talent show this Friday, February 3rd. The theme this year was communities of faith, knowledge, and service. We tried to dedicate one topic per day.
 - So far we have had two snow days that will be made up in June.
 - Phil the groundhog saw his shadow this morning, so six more weeks of winter.
 - Lent starts March 1st.

Old Business

Bus Trips: Monsignor Lawrence.

- St. Columba is taking a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater to see Jonah on Thursday, March 23, 2017. The trip is sold out even though the trip is not until March and it is during the week.
- The next place, Monsignor is considering a trip to is Dutch Apple Theater which is a dinner theater. The most expensive part of the trip is the bus.

New Business

None

Meetings for 2016 – 2017

March 2, 2017

May 4, 2017

June 8, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary