

## St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – February 4, 2016

### Attendance:

Present: Anne Baarek, Suzanne Haile, Mike Weinhofer, Rose Rhoads, Al Cavallini, Msgr. Lawrence, Carmen LaMacchia, Eric Wolf, Nancy Ramhap, Bill Harding, Lori Harding, Robert Marande, Alicia King Redfern, Diane Hale

Excused: None

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel for Sunday, discussion and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (January 7, 2016) were approved by consensus.

### Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2015 - 2016 – 32 weeks. The difference is (\$15,219)

#### DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 12/31/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 925,382	\$ 700,388	\$ 224,994
Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 12/31/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 926,418	\$ 699,743	\$ 226,675
Beginning cash balance 7/1/15		\$ 14,180
Income exceeded expenditures 12/31/15		(\$ 1,036)
Ending cash balance 12/31/15		\$ 13,143

#### BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016

Total Income for six months ended 12/31/15		
<u>Actual for 6 months</u>	<u>Year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
\$925,382	\$1,400,776	66.1%
Total Expenditures for six months ended 12/31/15		
<u>Actual for 6 months</u>	<u>Year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
\$926,418	\$1,399,468	66.2%

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of  

	<u>11/30/15</u>	<u>12/31/15</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 241	\$ 242
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 568	\$ 569
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 38,683	\$ 38,733
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,277	\$ 9,289
- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2015 - 2016 is \$82,600; \$76,695 was pledged by parishioners. The parish paid its share of \$6,195 in August. A total of \$81,330.00 was paid, leaving a balance of \$1,270.00.
- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2016 – 1027 is \$83,700.
- Lenten schedule was put in the mail on Tuesday. It is bulk rate, so it may take a few days to be delivered.

### Liaison Reports

School Report: Robert Marande.

- This is Catholic Schools Week and the students have had many events. New this year are the Religion Treasure Hunt that was Tuesday the 2nd and Wednesday was a Delta kite-

flying contest in the gym. Thursday will be Souper Bowl day. Bring a can of soup in order to dress down, soup will be donated to the Food Cupboard. We will close out the week with a talent show on Friday.

- Elsa from frozen came to visit on January 29<sup>th</sup> performing and talking to the students about good behavior. The students enjoyed her visit.
- On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the eighth grade students toured the Vo-tech.
- Eighth grade students have been helping out at the Food Cupboard.
- The Gala was a big success with many new faces attending and it was just about sold out.
- Fundraising is on target and doing well. The Annual Gift Campaign is at \$19,050. The goal is \$23,000. Please be generous. Leprechaun Loop is March 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be an enjoyable event, come and have some fun. The weather will be great that day.
- Since the Commonwealth has passed a partial budget we were able to purchase some much needed technology, science equipment, and books.
- So far we have only used one snow day.
- We are experiencing a lot of interest in students transferring to St. Columba now and also for the fall.
- Student Council is collecting diapers for pro-life month.
- All St. Columba staff and teachers on January 18, 2016, were certified by the American Red Cross in Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED.

Library: Carmen LaMacchia.

Some books that belonged to Fr. Fennessey will be given to the Library. It is unsure how many books will be donated. The books will need to be reviewed and duplicates removed. Once the books have been reviewed, Msgr will make the final decision if an additional bookcase is needed for storage.

Boy Scouts Troop 24 and Pack 24: Rose Rhoads

This Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> is Scout Sunday. They will be attending 10:30am Mass in uniform. Both are doing well. They had re-chartering.

Girl Scouts: Rose Rhoads

Girl Scout Sunday is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Rose is still waiting to talk with Mrs. Moore.

Life Teen: Nancy Ramhap

A bunch of teens are leaving tomorrow night to go to Mount 2000. They are excited and can use your prayers. They were supposed to stay at the armory, however the roof caved in with the snow. Other sleeping arrangements have been made. There are a lot of events coming up for the next several months. It is a really awesome group that has started to gel with each other and talk a lot.

Parish Council of Catholic Women: Nancy Ramhap

This group is taking a break at the moment.

Adoration Chapel: Suzanne Haile

Drexel reported that there is a Holy door in the back of the Basilica in Danville. Entering the adoration chapel, counts as going through a Holy door for the year of Mercy. There are 5 places in the Diocese that have a Holy door. Recently a notice was placed in the bulletin with open Adoration hours.

Angels for Life: Suzanne Haile

Angels for Life were not able to go to the March for Life due to the snowstorm. Quite a few families that intended to go to Washington went to Mass and drove to Harrisburg to pray at the women's clinic or Allentown to pray at Planned Parenthood or they performed other sacrificial acts on the day. There is a meeting being planned for the near future. The next event is Renaissance Fair April 23<sup>rd</sup> will have a stand.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Statues in sanctuary: Msgr Lawrence.

- 95% of Catholic churches have the statue of the Blessed Mother on left and St. Joseph on the right. St Columba's statues are on the opposite sides of the church. Msgr will do some research to try to find out why ours are reversed. The current thought is to leave them as they are.
- There is a crucifix in the back of the church, but there should have a crucifix where the risen Lord is in the front of the sanctuary.

Dates for this year's meetings are:

March 3, 2016

March 31, 2016

June 2, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary