

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – February 5, 2015

Attendance:

Present: Anne Baarck, Diane Hale, Suzanne Haile, Nancy Ramhap, Mike Weinhofer, Bill Harding, Lori Harding, Robert Marande, Msgr. Lawrence, Alicia King Redfern, Al Cavallini

Excused: Eric Wolf, Rose Rhoads

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel of St. Mark 1: 29 - 39 for Sunday and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (January 8, 2015) were approved by consensus.

There was no Old Business

Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2014 - 2015 - 32 weeks. The difference is +\$16,840
- Christmas Collection – last year was \$22,199; so far this year it is \$20,924 - difference of \$1,275

DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 12/31/14		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$648,352	\$561,650	\$ 86,702
Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 12/31/14		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$561,946	\$561,470	\$ 476

Beginning cash balance 7/1/14	\$ 110,006
Income exceeded expenditures 12/31/14	\$ 86,406
Ending cash balance 12/31/14	\$ 196,412

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015

Total Income for six months ended 12/31/14

<u>Actual for 6 months</u>	<u>Year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
\$648,352	\$1,123,300	57.7%

Total Expenditures for six months ended 12/31/14

<u>Actual for 6 months</u>	<u>Year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
\$561,946	\$1,122,939	50%

Savings Account as of 12/31/14	\$ 32,346.52
Capital Expenditure Account as of 12/31/14	\$ <u>263,896.15</u>
Total Savings	\$ 296,242.67

Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of	<u>11/30/14</u>	<u>12/31/14</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 263,555	263,896
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 32,304	32,346
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 72,721	72,813
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,136	9,148

- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2014 - 2015 is \$84,600; parishioners paid \$78,710; parish paid \$6,871; the diocese refunds to the parish \$981.00 as of 2/2/15
- Maintenance/Facilities
 - Update on the house at 22 East Third Street – demolished on November 28, 2014; leveled for the possibility of parking; is being surveyed for number of cars; will have to go to the Town Council for

permission for entrance

- Lent letter was supposed to go out this past Monday, but because of the bad weather, it will be sent next Monday. It has the Lenten Schedule and Easter Season Schedule.
- This Sunday will be the Anointing of the Sick Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Lenten Appeal Assessment should be coming very shortly
- Ash Wednesday, February 18 – Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Liaisons' Report

School Report: Bob Marande made the following report:

Enrollment:

- Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. We are disappointed by the news that at least two (perhaps four) middle school girls plan to transfer to public school next school year because of basketball.
- The Catholic Schools Week open house was well attended by current St. Columba families. We had only one family visit from another school.
- We will conduct kindergarten screening in March and are looking for interested families.

Finances:

- The St. Columba School financial situation is satisfactory at this time. The budget for the new school year will be developed in the next several weeks.
- The St. Columba School gala profit is \$13,689, an increase over last year.
- The annual gift campaign is on-going. We have raised about \$20,600.00. The goal is \$21,000.
- Fundraising continues with the Bon-Ton Community Days booklets and a candy sale. The Leprechaun Loop 5K race/walk is scheduled for 3/14/15. We are looking for lots of participants and volunteers. This is a major fundraiser for the school.
- Discount cards are for sale at \$10.00 each.

Academic Program:

- St. Columba School has experienced five snow days. Make up days are as follows: Feb. 16, April 6, June 3, 4, 5.
- Progress reports went home on Feb. 3rd.
- Kyra McKinnon is the geography bee winner; Katy McCarthy is our religion bee winner. Both students will represent St. Columba School in diocese level competitions.
- The Middle States Association self-study is now in the proof-reading stage. The document is nearly 300 pages. It will be submitted electronically next week. The visitation team will arrive on Sunday, April 26th and will end the visit on April 29th.
- The annual spelling bee will be conducted on Feb. 12th. The winner will compete at the diocese level.

Activities:

- The St. Columba School talent show is Friday, Feb. 6th. It was rescheduled because of snow
- The 8th graders beat the faculty and staff at our annual volley ball game during Catholic Schools Week.
- There is a middle school dance on Feb. 13th.
- Middle school students are inviting students and adults to submit written and/or visual material for the spring issue of our on-line magazine.

Works of Mercy:

- Middle school students volunteered in the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard on the Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week.
- Students in grades 3 and 4 presented a musical program for residents of Maria Joseph Manor.
- Students filled over 50 Jared boxes for hospitalized children. Jared boxes contain fun items to entertain and cheer ill children.
- St. Columba School collected nearly \$300.00 to the Missionary Childhood Association. We also collected over \$85.00 for the African education mission during our open house.

Legion of Mary: Anne Baarck. Report summary covering the period from October 15, 2014 to January 13, 2015.

- The officers are: spiritual director, Monsignor Lawrence; president, William Talbot; vice president, Bernadette Staniszewski; secretary, Ann Marie N. Cantor; treasurer, Lucille Lukas.
- Membership: 5 active, 62 auxiliary, 1 praetorian.
- Conversions: visits to non-Catholics in nursing homes and several non-Catholics have begun to attend the saying of the rosary at the nursing homes
- Distribution of Literature: distributed 7 rosaries, 14 holy cards, 10 spiritual booklets.
- Consolation: 28 nursing home visits (181 people), 2 nursing home Masses attended, 2 calls to shut ins, 1 visit to shut ins, 2 funerals, 2 bereavement visits, 1 bereavement phone call, 85 Christmas cards, 3 thinking of you cards, 3 sympathy cards
- Parish work: held a Communion service and Mass for residents of Bloomsburg Health Care Center each month, prays rosary with residents of 2 nursing homes monthly some non-Catholics have begun to attend the rosary service as well, provided physical and spiritual support to shut-ins by prayer and assisting with transportation, led the daily Mass congregation in praying the rosary, attended the Mass of Remembrance
- Praesidium Treasurer's report as of 1/13/15

Previous Balance	\$ 95.00
Income	
Secret Bag	\$ 97.00
Total Income	\$ 97.00
Expenses	
Contributions to the Curia	\$ 65.00
Postage	\$ 49.00
Mass card	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 124.00
Present Balance	\$ 68.00

Life Teen – Nancy Ramhap reported that Life Teen is going well.

- The teens will lead living Stations of the Cross on March 20th.
- March 1st at 7pm is the next adult session for Life Teen.

Council of Catholic Women – Nancy Ramhap.

- The Council of Catholic Women will be cooking and serving Doing Dollar Dinner on Wednesday of this week.
- The council is looking at a potential Bible study that will be announced in the bulletin when the schedule is determined.

Meals on Wheels – Mike Weinhofer.

The Red Cross is down sizing. The Red Cross center in Bloomsburg will close. This is where the Meals on Wheels meals are delivered to from Williamsport. An alternate location for meal delivery has not been determined yet.

Voyagers – Mike Weinhofer

The travel committee has organized a trip to the Texas triangle for April 17 – 24.

There was no new Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary