

**St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – January 5, 2017**

**Attendance:**

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

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and the Gospel reading for Sunday. The minutes of the previous meeting (Dec 1, 2016) were approved by consensus.

**Pastor’s Report**

- Lenten Appeal Assessment is \$83,700. As of 1/03/17:  

<u>Amount pledged</u>	<u>Paying Now</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$78,229.13	\$76,790.13	\$1,439.00

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

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2016 - 2017 – 28 weeks. The difference is +\$6,507  
**NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 11/30/16**

<u>Actual</u>	<u>5/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$538,452	\$475,704	\$62,748

**Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 11/30/16**

<u>Actual</u>	<u>5/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$459,226	\$475,275	\$16,049

Beginning cash balance	(\$ 2,223)
Income exceeded expenditures 11/30/16	<u>\$ 79,226</u>
Ending cash balance 11/30/16	\$ 77,003

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of
 

	<u>10/31/16</u>	<u>11/30/16</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 27,306	\$ 27,340	\$ 27,375
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 577	\$ 578	\$ 579
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 29,178	\$ 29,214	\$ 29,252
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,408	\$ 9,420	\$ 9,432

- Other Business**

- The committee approved a variance to have parking at the rear of 343 Center Street. We have to install parking bumpers. We also need to add a walkway to the back of the house.
- Then our attorney will move on the East Third Street area and request permission from the Historical Society to raze the two buildings. After that, try to get permission to make parking on those properties
- March for Life on Friday, January 27. A coach has been scheduled for this trip. Normally, the March is on January 22, but because of the presidential inauguration it has been moved to the 27<sup>th</sup>.

- The Gala is on Saturday, January 28, at the Pine Barn.

**Liaison Reports**

School Report: Bob Marande.

- Academic Program:
  - Welcome Samina William, who is our new Pre-k program teacher.
  - Welcome David Ferdock, who is our Middle School Social Studies Teacher.
- Finances:
  - Year to date, everything is on track. The Capital Campaign has raised \$19,200 so far. The goal is \$23,000.
  - St. Columba School received a \$900 donate from the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation.
  - St. Columba School won a \$10,000 grant from Campbell's giveaway.
  - Winter Gala is January 28, 2017. This is a major fundraiser for the school. See you all there!!
  - Discount cards are available and maybe purchased at that time in the school office, smart money table, and the Parish Office.
- Enrollment: On January 5th a family will visit us to preview our Elementary School. The enrollment has remained constant since the last report.
- Students:
  - Deputy Phil visited the Elementary School on January 5, 2017.
  - Students were ready to come back to school after their Christmas Break and are preparing for Catholic School's week which starts January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

Bus Trip: Monsignor Lawrence.

St. Columba is taking a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater to see Jonah on Thursday, March 23, 2017. The bus leaves at 12pm. The show is at 3pm. The group will stop at the Golden Corral for dinner and be back home around 9:30pm. We have a 47 passenger bus. So far, 21 people have signed up for the trip. We need to give the theater a final number 21 days before the show. Tickets are \$97 per person. It includes the bus, show, dinner buffet, and gratuities for the bus and restaurant.

**New Business**

None

Meetings for 2016 – 2017

February 2, 2017	May 4, 2017
March 2, 2017	June 8, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary