

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – January 7, 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

Excused: Alicia King Redfern, Diane Hale

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel of St. Luke 3: 1 – 6 for Sunday, discussion and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (December 3, 2015) were approved by consensus.

Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2014 - 2015 – 28 weeks. The difference is (\$11,322)

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 11/30/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>5/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 806,827	\$ 583,563	\$ 223,264
Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 11/30/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>5/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 824,202	\$ 583,026	\$ 241,176

Beginning cash balance 7/1/15	\$ 14,179
Income exceeded expenditures 11/30/15	(\$ 17,375)
Ending cash balance 11/30/15	(\$ 3,196)

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>10/31/15</u>	<u>11/30/15</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 241	\$ 241
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 567	\$ 568
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 38,635	\$ 38,683
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,265	\$ 9,277
- 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, 237.50 was paid, leaving a balance of \$1,362.50.
- Property on 343 Center Street – rented as of January 1, 2016. There are a few minor things that need to be done in the house. We will consider painting the outside of the house during the summer.
- The zoning board approved our parking on the property next to the school. Our attorney is working on what the Town requires us to do to get the parking area ready for use.
- St. Columba School Gala is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Pine Barn Inn.

Liaison Reports

School Report: Robert Marande.

Personnel:

- Mr. Michael Davis has been hired as the sixth grade homeroom and middle school social studies teacher. He started January 4th and is enjoying teaching here at Saint Columba.

Finances:

- The St. Columba School Gala is January 30th. It is a wonderful evening of good food and entertainment. We look forward to a profitable fundraiser for the school.
- The annual gift campaign is on-going. We have raised more than \$17,800.00 toward the \$21,000.00 goal.
- Discount cards are for sale at \$10.00 each.

- Giant A+ program has earned \$1,255.00.
- The St. Columba School financial situation is satisfactory at this time.

Academic Program:

- The second trimester is moving along smoothly.
- Deputy Phil presented a safety program to K-4 graders Tuesday, January 5th.

Activities:

- Catholic Schools' Week is scheduled to start January 31st. The program schedule is being worked on.

Gala: Mike Weinoffer

Planning for the Gala is going well. The committee already have several big gifts and several gift certificates. Cathy Chayko's band will provide the music.

Meals on Wheels: Mike Weinoffer

Four of the parishes who volunteer with delivering meals have dropped out of the program. Now Saint Columba will be delivering more frequently. The Agency on Aging has now taken over the meals since the Red Cross sold their building and left the area. It may take a while to get all of the bugs worked out of the new system.

Legion of Mary: Anne Baarck.

Sunbury is in the process of getting officers and organizing. Danville is not. When Sunbury is established then the Curia will continue. In the meantime the Legion of Mary is still doing the works.

Old Business

The council revised the bylaws to add "non-" in front of the word "voting" describing the St. Columba School Committee member in article I, Section 3 – Ex-officio and Appointed Members. Rationale: This amendment will remove any perceived conflict of interest for the school representative. The approved text is below. The portion in blue was added.

Article I Membership

Section 3 - Ex-officio and Appointed Members

The Pastor and Associate Clergy assigned to the Parish shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Council. Each year the St. Columba School Committee will appoint one member to serve as an ex-officio *non*-voting member of the Council. This member will serve a one year term and can be re-appointed to additional terms. Every year after the Council election, the Pastor shall nominate and appoint up to three (3) voting members to serve on the Council for a one (1) year term. This nomination and appointment shall be effective simultaneously with the seating of the newly-elected members.

New Business

Monsignor Lawrence is celebrating his 50th year Jubilee this year.

Dates for this year's meetings are:

February 4, 2016

March 3, 2016

March 31, 2016

June 2, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary