

## St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - January 8, 2015

### Attendance:

Present: Anne Baarck, Diane Hale, Suzanne Haile, Nancy Ramhap, Mike Weinhofer, Eric Wolf, Bill Harding, Lori Harding, Rose Rhoads, Robert Marande, Msgr. Lawrence.

Excused: Alicia King Redfern, Al Cavallini, and Cindi Brown.

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel of St. Mark 1: 7 - 11 for Sunday and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (December 4, 2014) were approved by consensus.

There was no Old Business

### Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2014 - 2015 - 28 weeks. The difference is +\$15,171
- Christmas Collection – last year was \$22,199; so far this year it is \$20,829 - difference of \$1,370

### NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 11/30/14

<u>Actual</u>	<u>5/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$536,086	\$467,967	\$ 68,119

Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 11/30/14

<u>Actual</u>	<u>5/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$465,131	\$467,816	(\$ 2,685)

Beginning cash balance 7/1/14	\$110,006
Income exceeded expenditures 11/30/14	<u>\$ 70,955</u>
Ending cash balance 11/30/14	\$180,961

Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of	<u>10/31/14</u>	<u>11/30/14</u>
Capital Expenditure -	\$263,237	\$263,555
St. Columba Parish Savings -	\$ 32,265	\$ 32,304
St. Columba School - School Savings -	\$ 72,633	\$ 72,721
St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance \$	9,125	\$ 9,136

- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2014 - 2015 is \$84,600; parishioners paid \$74,515; parish paid \$6,871; the balance is \$3,214 as of 1/5/15
- 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. There is a possibility of seven parking places if permission is granted by the Town.
  - There is still more time to wait for the sale on the Birster property.
  - contracted to spend \$92,200 for another HVAC unit on the church roof and a new HVAC unit for the cafeteria and one for the kitchen; money in the bank to pay for these units. Robert Dent has ordered some of the equipment for these units.
- St. Columba Gala will be held on Saturday, January 17, at the Pine Barn Inn.
- The parish is chartering a coach to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Thursday, January 22.
- Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18 - rather early this year.

## **Liaisons' Report**

School Report: Bob Marande made the following report:

### **Personnel:**

- Mr. Drumm, is back from his medical leave. Mrs. Stola did a fine job as his substitute. Beginning on January 8, 2015, she will take responsibility for two middle school library classes on a regular basis. Mrs. Mc Menamin was assigned to those classes but asked to be relieved of those duties. She continues as the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade religion teacher and the elementary library teacher.
- Mr. Sam Bidleman's background with Middle States visitation teams is a huge help in the St. Columba self-study process.

### **Finances:**

- The St. Columba School gala is January 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 \$19,000.00 toward the \$21,000.00 goal.
- Discount cards are for sale at \$10.00 each.
- The Giant A+ program has earned over \$ 1,200.00 for St. Columba School.
- The St. Columba School financial situation is satisfactory at this time.

### **Academic Program:**

- The second trimester is moving along. Progress reports will go home on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a geography bee in the school gym on Friday, January 9 at 1:15 p.m. The winner will represent St. Columba School at the diocese.
- The Middle States Association self-study is proceeding well. February 1<sup>st</sup> is our goal for submission. The visitation team will be here in April. It is important for us to communicate our mission statements and beliefs to all stakeholders. Please see the attached.

### **Activities:**

- Catholic Schools' Week which is scheduled for the last week in January. The program schedule is attached

### **Works of Mercy:**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> graders arranged for meals to be prepared and taken to a family in need of support.
- Middle school students will volunteer at the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard on the Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week. Students in grades 3 and 4 will perform for residents of Maria Joseph.
- We are collected canned goods for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard in January and pennies for the missions.

### **St. Columba School Mission Statement:**

To serve as beacons of Christ's light while nurturing individual gifts in a faith infused academically challenging safe and secure environment.

#### **Beliefs:**

1. We believe that St. Columba School is an integral part of the church's mission to teach students reverence for the sacred, knowledge of the Gospel, and the commandment to serve one another.
2. Parent and guardians are the first teachers of their children, and the St. Columba faculty members are facilitators of academic, spiritual, and personal growth.
3. All students are capable of academic excellence within St. Columba School's rigorous curriculum with an appropriate support system tailored to their needs.
4. Respect for life and the inherent dignity of others is fundamental to the functioning of all members of the St. Columba School Community.
5. Diversity within the school strengthens our school's culture and affords opportunities to practice, humility, justice, open-mindedness, and citizenship (including digital).
6. It is our duty to provide for the physical safety and psychological security of all members of the St. Columba School community and to nurture the well-being of everyone.

7. We believe in continuous improvement to strengthen our programs in preparation for students to become motivated learners, adept thinkers, and responsible future leaders.

Nancy Ramhap reported:

- Life Teen – There are four Parent Night Life Teen meetings scheduled. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend. This Sunday there will be a 6:00 p.m. Mass for Life Teen and other interested parishioners.
- The Parish Council of Catholic Women has put together a Book of Ministries. There is the name of the mission and a synopsis of each ministry. In the future, Council members will verify who is in charge so that the office staff can direct inquirers to the correct person. There is also their goal to have a Mission Fair sometime in the future, possibly September.

Mike Weinhofer reported that there were some real nice donations to the Gala for the auctions.

There was no new Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Msgr. Robert E. Lawrence, Pastor (in place of Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary).