

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – June 4, 2015

Attendance:

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

Excused: Eric Wolf, Diane Hale

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel of St. Mark 14: 12 – 16, 22 – 26 for Sunday, discussion and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (April 30, 2015) were approved by consensus.

Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2014 - 2015 - 49 weeks. The difference is +\$18,917

APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 4/30/15

<u>Actual</u>	<u>10/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 1,021,243	\$ 936,046	\$ 85,197

Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 4/30/15

<u>Actual</u>	<u>10/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 1,084,043	\$ 935,745	\$ 148,298

Beginning cash balance 7/1/14	\$ 110,006
Income exceeded expenditures 4/30/15	\$ 62,800
Ending cash balance 4/30/15	\$ 47,206

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>3/31/15</u>	<u>4/30/15</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 264,888	\$ 265,219
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 32,468	\$ 32,519
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 73,087	\$ 73,178
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,183	\$ 9,194
- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2015 - 2016 is \$82,600; it is too early to give a total; perhaps we will have it from the diocese next month
- Maintenance/Facilities – have the funds to pay for the following; however, it will deplete our savings.
 - We are still working on the access to the property for parking at 22 East Third Street – need to go to the Zoning Board to get permission for the parking. The town will permit us to rent 2 parking spaces to access the lot.
 - We purchased the two dwellings, one a single house and the other a double house at 108, 112- 116 East Third Street; settlement took place on Monday, April 27, 2015; Will probably leave them vacant. May raze them in the future to make more parking. Will need to go to the zoning board to get permission to make a parking lot.
 - Dent is finishing the HVAC for the church, the cafeteria, and kitchen; when they are finished there, then they will begin in the gymnasium and surrounding areas. Will put individual heating/cooling units on the roof for each classroom so the temperature can be regulated more effectively. (not to exceed \$250,000). Had to get permission from the Historical Society. Next have to get permission from the Town Council.
 - Side entrance to the church near the Rectory – we are looking at replacing the steps with steps and a ramp for handicap accessibility; also putting a small roof over that area
 - Purchased property on 343 Center Street; May fix-up the house and rent it at this point. Historical Society gave permission to remove the sheds at this property; hoping to make parking for the church

and the school.

Liaisons' Report

School Report: Bob Marande made the following report:

- Academic Program:

- The Cogat and ITBS scores arrived. Summary of key results:

Grade	Percentile Rank of National School Norms Total Reading	Percentile Rank of National School Norms Total Math
3	99	99
4	92	84
5	99	87
6	92	85
7	99	89
8	96	85

- Algebra students took the Keystone Algebra test at the end of May. Results will not be available until late summer.
- Middle School students attended a career expo in our gym on May 19th. There were over 25 professional present to talk with the students.
- 8th grade graduation is June 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- Finances:
 - The current budget is on target for this point in the school year.
 - There is still a considerable amount of outstanding tuition. We are working to obtain the funds. Grade reports will be held until payments are received.
- Enrollment
 - Registration for the 2015-2016 school year continues. Projected enrollment for the next school year in grades K-8 is under 110. Currently we have 121.
 - Some middle school students are leaving to play middle school sports; a few parents are experiencing financial issues.
- Personnel:
 - There is an active search underway for a new school principal.
 - One person is a serious candidate for the physical education program.

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 12 to 15 residents receive Holy Communion, 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

Meals on Wheels – Sue Haile. Gina Radziewicz reported that currently Meals on Wheels is through the Area Agency on Aging and housed at the American Red Cross in Bloomsburg who coordinates the delivery. The local churches do the delivery. The Red Cross is downsizing and will close the office in Bloomsburg. St. Lukes Church on Lightstreet Road can house the Meals on Wheels and receive the food drop offs unless there is a funeral, etc. The volunteers who deliver the meals will need to label them as well deliver them. There are enough people who deliver the meals so that they only do it for one week every 9th week. St. Columba has been part of the Meals on Wheels program since it began. Hopefully we will find a way to continue the valuable services.

Life Teen – Nancy Ramhap. A banquet was held with the Parish Council of Catholic Women to honor the Seniors. There were 12 from St. Columba and 2 from St. Joseph in Danville. One senior was unable to attend. This is more than double the number of seniors from last year and there were triple the number of guest from last year.

Old Business

Election Results – Sue Haile. There were 4 open seats on the parish council and 4 nominations. As the positions were uncontested, it was unnecessary to hold an election. The following will serve a term from September 2015 to June 2017: Sue Haile, Diane Hale, Anne Baarck, and Carmen LaMacchia.

New Business

Election of Officers: Sue Haile was elected to the position of Chairperson and Anne Baarck was elected to the position of Vice Chair.

Prayer Request – Sue Haile. Requests from parishioners to add a prayer for the persecuted church during the prayer of the faithful.

Mass Intentions – Reading the name of the Mass Intentions will not be reinstated. The only time the name will be read is at a funeral. Theologically, the Mass is offered for all.

Travel Committee – Mike Weinhofer. Diane Warren is taking over and looking into travel for next year.

Picnic Committee – Mike Weinhofer. The Parish Picnic will be on Aug 17th at the Town Park.

Rummage Sale – Mike Weinhofer. Planning for the rummage sale is underway. Signs are posted, it will be announced at St. Joseph's in Danville, on CCATV, and in an ad in free paper insert in the Daily Item.

Dates for next year's meetings are:

- September 3, 2015
- October 1, 2015
- November 5, 2015
- December 3, 2015

January 7, 2016

February 4, 2016

March 3, 2016

March 31, 2016

May 5, 2016 – this meeting will be cancelled due to it falling on Ascension Thursday.

June 2, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary