

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – March 2, 2017

Attendance:

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

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and the Gospel reading for Sunday. The minutes of the previous meeting (Feb 2, 2017) were approved by consensus.

Pastor’s Report

- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2016 – 2017 is \$83,700. As of 3/1/17:

<u>Amount pledged</u>	<u>Paying Now</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
\$78,289.13	\$77,495.13	\$709.00	due from pledges of parishioners

The parish paid \$5,495.87 on August 5th, the shortfall of the assessment.

Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2017 – 2018 is 84,600, \$900 more than last year. Some envelopes were returned this past Sunday.

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2016 - 2017 – 36 weeks. The difference is +\$13,093

JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 1/31/17

<u>Actual</u>	<u>7/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$735,858	\$666,672	\$69,860

Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 1/31/17

<u>Actual</u>	<u>7/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$643,664	\$666,071	(\$22,407)

Beginning cash balance 7/1/16	(\$ 2,223)
Income exceeded expenditures 1/31/17	\$ 92,194
Ending cash balance 1/31/17	\$ 89,971

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>1/31/17</u>	<u>2/28/17</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 27,375	\$ 27,411	\$ 27,443
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 579	\$ 579	\$ 580
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 29,252	\$ 29,290	\$ 29,324
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,432	\$ 9,444	\$ 9,455

- Other Business

- The work on preparing 14 parking spaces at the rear of 343 Center Street should be done very shortly.
- Then the attorney will move on the East Third Street area and request permission from the Historical Society to raze the buildings. That presentation is being planned for March.
- Leprechaun Loop will be held on Saturday, March 11.

- Trip to Sight and Sound will be Thursday, March 23. It is sold out and there are 2 people on a waiting list.
- Holy Week Schedule was sent out in the February mailing
- Eucharistic Devotions will be April 30, May 1 and 2

Liaison Reports

School Report: Bob Marande.

- Academic Program:
 - The school used all but \$0.40 of the money the school received from the state for books, supplies and computers.
 - COGAT testing will be the week of March 20th and ITBS testing will be week of April 3rd.
 - Spelling Bee was Friday, February 24th, winner Gavin Berger 4th grade, Geography Bee was Monday, February 27th, winner Emerson Viars 7th grade. Religion Bee will be March, 13th.
 - Spanish program started in January.
 - First penance will take place Saturday, March 4th.
- Finances:
 - Year to date, everything is on track. The Capital Campaign has raised \$20,800 so far. The goal is \$23,000.
 - Discount cards are available in the school office, smart money table, and the Parish Office.
 - Leprechaun Loop will be March 11th.
- Enrollment:
 - Has remained constant. Several new families have registered for the next academic year.
 - Kindergarten Screening will take place on Monday, March 20th at the following times: 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45 and 11:00 am or by appointment. Please tell your friends and acquaintances if they are looking for a Kindergarten program that St. Columba has a great program!
 - Last day of school is presently June 7th, if we have no more snow days.
- Students:
 - Blues Concert will be Tuesday, March 7th. This is the third time that the concert has been rescheduled because of snow days. Hopefully it will happen on the 7th.

Food Cupboard: Deb Dillon

- The annual fundraiser, the Empty Bowls Banquet, will be on Sunday April 9th from 11:00am – 1:30pm at Kehr Union. This year we have beautiful artist thrown bowls including ones from our own Abigail Kurecian which will be accompanied by delicious soups made by BU Aramark. We will also be having a gourmet dessert and art sale. We continue to be busy but keep matching the donations to the need.
- Al Cavallini is currently on medical leave from us after 20 years of service. He is the third most tenured volunteer we have and we hope he can come back.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts: Rose Rhoads

- Both groups are doing well. One person started his Eagle Scout.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nominations/Elections:

An Announcement will be in the bulletin that positions are open on the parish council. Those interested should contact the nomination committee.

Other Items for the Good of the Order

- Suzanne read an article explaining why Catholics abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.
- March 13th, the Lourdes students will perform Godspell at Maria Joseph Manor at 10am.

Meetings for 2016 – 2017

May 4, 2017

June 8, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary