

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – March 5, 2015

Attendance:

Present: Anne Baarck, Diane Hale, Suzanne Haile, Nancy Ramhap, Mike Weinhofer, Robert Marande, Msgr. Lawrence, Alicia King Redfern

Excused: Bill Harding, Lori Harding, Eric Wolf, Rose Rhoads, Al Cavallini

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel of St. John 2: 13 - 25 for Sunday, discussion and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (February 5, 2015) were approved by consensus.

There was no Old Business

Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2014 - 2015 - 36 weeks. The difference is +\$12,743

JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 1/31/15

<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$742,999	\$655,221	\$ 87,778

Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 1/31/15

<u>Actual</u>	<u>6/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$674,499	\$655,010	\$ 19,489

Beginning cash balance 7/1/14	\$ 110,006
Income exceeded expenditures 1/31/15	\$ 68,500
Ending cash balance 1/31/15	\$ 178,506

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>12/31/14</u>	<u>1/31/15</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 263,896	\$264,237
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 32,346	\$32,388
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 72,813	\$72,907
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,148	\$9,160

- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2015 - 2016 is \$82,600;

<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paying Now</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u># of Gifts</u>	<u>%</u>
\$30,955	\$20,950	\$10,005	117	37.5

- Maintenance/Facilities

- Nothing new on the house at 22 East Third Street.
- Work on the AC in the cafeteria and kitchen will begin soon once the weather clears. Hopefully we can pay for these repairs without using the savings.

- First Penance – This Saturday, March 7
- Leprechaun Loop – Saturday, March 14
- Parish Penance Service – Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm
- Holy Week Schedule was sent in mail
- Eucharistic Devotions – April 19 – 21
- First Eucharist – Saturday, May 2
- Confirmation – Saturday, May 9

Liaisons' Report

School Report: Bob Marande made the following report:

- Enrollment
 - Registration for the 2015-2016 school year continues.
 - Kindergarten screening is March 18th. There are openings. Please inform anyone who may be interested.
- Finances
 - The budget for the new school year is under construction. The current budget is on target for this point in the school year. We are pursuing families who are reluctant to pay their tuition.
 - The annual gift campaign is on-going. We have raised about \$21,000.00 – nearly at goal.
 - The Leprechaun Loop 5K race/walk is scheduled for 3/14/15. We are looking for lots of participants and volunteers. This is a major fundraiser for the school.
 - Raise the Region: St. Columba School is excited to be participating in this community fundraiser. Please mark your calendars and consider making a tax-deductible donation to our school March 11-12th via raisetheregion.org. A portion of your donation will be matched through a contribution from Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships.
 - Discount cards are for sale at \$10.00 each.
- Academic Program
 - We amended the school calendar to give the families the Easter Monday holiday. The last student day of the current school year is Wednesday, June 10th. Graduation is current scheduled for June 8th.
 - The Middle States Association self-study is now in the printing stage. The visitation chairperson will be here for a pre-visit on Friday, March 20th.
 - The annual spelling bee winner is Alex Gonzalez. He will participate in the Diocese spelling bee.
 - Mr. Bidleman is conducting project based learning activities. He arranged for community members to make presentations at school, and he took 7th and 8th students into the community to interview community members who provided insights relevant to selected topics. Example: Juvenile crime prevention.
- Activities
 - The Middle School students experienced Brain Awareness presented by Dr. Johnson and her students from Bloomsburg University. Students circulated to learning stations set up in the gym. Thank you to Mrs. Gaughenbaugh for arranging this wonderful educational program.
 - Read Across America: There are exciting events going on this month in celebration of reading. Example: Students in grades K-3 heard Bishop Gainer read a Dr. Seuss book via video conferencing.
 - **SAPIENTIA**: The middle school is planning to publish a spring issue of *Sapientia, our on-line magazine*.

Council of Catholic Women – Nancy Ramhap.

There will be an evening Bible study on Mary. When the date is determined, it will be published in the bulletin.

New Business

Nominations – Sue will place a notice in the bulletin that it is time to submit nominations for parish council. All council members are encouraged to personally ask parishioners to serve on the council. The election will be held in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary