

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – November 3, 2016

Attendance:

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

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and the Gospel reading for Sunday. The minutes of the previous meeting (Oct 6, 2016) were approved by consensus.

Pastor’s Report

- Lenten Appeal Assessment is \$83,700. As of 11/02/16 we are short \$6,860.87 in pledges

<u>Amount pledged</u>	<u>Paying Now</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$78,204.13	\$71,012.13	\$7,192.00

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

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2015 - 2016 – 19 weeks. The difference is +\$6,841

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 9/30/16

<u>Actual</u>	<u>3/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$298,822	\$285,880	\$12,942

Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 9/30/16

<u>Actual</u>	<u>3/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$297,813	\$285,622	\$12,191

Beginning cash balance	(\$ 2,223)
Income exceeded expenditures 9/30/16	\$ 1,009
Ending cash balance 9/30/16	(\$ 1,214)

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>8/31/16</u>	<u>9/30/16</u>	<u>10/31/16</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 244	\$ 27,270	\$
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 574	\$ 576	\$
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 29,063	\$ 29,140	\$
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,371	\$ 9,396	\$

- Other Business

- Our attorney has submitted the paperwork for parking at the rear of 343 Center Street.
- Then he will move on the East Third Street area and request permission from the Historical Society to raze the buildings
- Mass of Remembrance was celebrated on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m.
- Winterfest will be held on Saturday, November 19
- Christmas Letter, Christmas Schedule, Magnetic Calendar, and the Advent Meditation Booklet will be sent to parishioners in the near future
- St. Columba School Students will be going to the BTE Christmas Show on Thursday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Liaison Reports

School Report: Bob Marande.

- Academic Program: The Commonwealth has given us another \$1,000 and this money was used to purchase iPads. Our students will now be familiar with desktops, chrome books, and now iPads.
- The diocesan visit took place on October 20th. The visiting team was very pleased with Saint Columba School and they enjoyed their visit. They were here for over three hours.
- Finances: Year to date, everything is on track.
- Enrollment: Will increase by one student on Monday, November 7th, who will be entering the first grade.
- Students:
 - The 6th grade has undertaken the community service project of “Jarred Boxes,” 106 boxes were delivered to Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital.
 - Forensics Tournament this week was held on Thursday, November 3, at Lourdes Regional School in Shamokin. We have a very large group of 18 students this year and the students have practiced very hard and are ready to compete with the other schools.
 - Book Fair will be week of November 7th. Santa shopping days will be December 5, 6, and 7.

Life Teen: Nancy Ramhap

Life Teen is going very well. Other parishes have shown an interest in learning about this program. A large number of Teens are going to “Fan the Fire” Retreat. If anyone has a CDL license, a driver is needed on Sunday evenings to bring the group from Danville.

Old Business

None

New Business

One-day Bus Trips; e.g., Sight and Sound and Lunch which would cost about \$125.00 each; do you think that there would be an interest in such trips for that amount of money? It would not be a fund-raiser, but an opportunity for people to go places where they may not be able to go. The consensus was that it was a good idea for people to gather on a social level and we should pursue this possibility.

Meetings for 2016 – 2017

December 1, 2016

February 2, 2017

May 4, 2017

January 5, 2017

March 2, 2017

June 8, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary