

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

Attendance:

Present: Anne Baarck, Suzanne Haile, Mike Weinhofer, Alicia King Redfern, Rose Rhoads, Al Cavallini, Lori Harding, Bill Harding, Msgr. Lawrence, Eric Wolf, Carmen LaMacchia, Diane Hale, Nancy Ramhap
Excused: Robert Marande

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Reading of the Gospel of St. Mark 12: 38 – 44 for Sunday, discussion and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (September 3, 2015) were approved by consensus.

Pastor's Report

- Collection Comparison for Fiscal Year - 2014 - 2015 – 19 weeks. The difference is (\$4,028)

AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 8/31/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>2/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 483,460	\$ 233,369	\$ 250,091
Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 8/31/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>2/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 453,391	\$ 233,154	\$ 220,237
Beginning cash balance 7/1/15		\$ 14,180
Income exceeded expenditures 8/31/15		\$ 30,069
Ending cash balance 8/31/15		\$ 44,249

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 9/30/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>3/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 587,778	\$ 350,194	\$ 237,584
Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 9/30/15		
<u>Actual</u>	<u>3/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$ 564,068	\$ 349,872	\$ 214,196
Beginning cash balance 7/1/15		\$ 14,179
Income exceeded expenditures 9/30/15		\$ 23,710
Ending cash balance 9/30/15		\$ 37,889

- Savings Accounts now at the Diocese at the end of

	<u>7/31/15</u>	<u>8/31/15</u>	<u>9/30/15</u>
a. Capital Expenditure	\$ 172,202	\$ 22,085	\$ 22,422
b. St. Columba Parish Savings	\$ 565	\$ 566	\$ 568
c. St. Columba School - School Savings	\$ 73,459	\$ 38,442	\$ 38,585
d. St. Columba School - Tuition Assistance	\$ 9,229	\$ 9,241	\$ 9,253
- Lenten Appeal Assessment for 2015 - 2016 is \$82,600; - \$76, 495 was pledged by parishioners. Of that amount \$69, 795 was already paid. The parish paid its share of \$6,195 in August.
- Property on 343 Center Street – renovations are being made for rental on January 1, 2016. There will still be some bills for these renovations.
- Bills for the church, cafeteria, and gym have been paid. There will be a bill for heaters near the choir.
- Still working on getting permission from the town for parking on the new properties. First meeting is next Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.

- Mass of Remembrance was celebrated on Monday, November 2, 2015
- Parents First Penance Presentation will be Monday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the church
- Winterfest will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015
- Christmas letter, magnetic calendar and the “Word” booklet will be going out in a week or so in order for parishioners to have it prior to the beginning of Advent.

Liaison Reports

School Report: Bob Marande is on the Middle States Team and was not available to submit a report.

Winterfest: Mike Weinoffer

There is a meeting on Monday for the craft fair portion of Winterfest. Gloria Hardt has 32 vendors to put in the school hall and gym. Soups have been donated. Hoagies are from 2 sub shops. Elaine is moving along with 3,000 gifts wrapped for the dollar tree. Can we put the red donation basket by the food cupboard bin for 2 weeks? A new sign was put up on Monday. More signs will be put up nears May’s and Taste of Italy. Signs will also be posted in various store fronts in the area.

Legion of Mary: Anne Baarck. Report summary June 2015

- The officers are: spiritual director, Monsignor Lawrence; president, William Talbot; vice president, Bernadette Staniszewski; secretary, Ann Marie Cantore; treasurer, Lucille Lukas.
- Membership: 5 active, 60 auxiliary, 1 praetorian.
- Conversions: visits to non-Catholics in nursing homes and 2 non-Catholics consistently attend the monthly Mass, communion services, and the saying of the rosary at the nursing homes
- Distribution of Literature: distributed 21 rosaries, 18 holy cards, 12 spiritual booklets.
- Consolation: 44 nursing home visits (188 people), 5 nursing home Masses attended, 6 calls/visits to shut ins, 2 hospital visites, 4 welcome visits, 9 funerals, 4 bereavement phones call, 25 thinking of you cards, 2 get well cards, 5 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 Pro-Life March in Washington, DC, distributed ashes to the Catholics in the nursing homes on Ash Wednesday 39 residents and 10 employees, distributed 30 Lenten booklets to the nursing home residents, assisted with the Legion of Mary information stand at the Bloomsburg Renaissance Fair where 6 new contacts were made.
- Praesidium Treasurer’s report as of 1/13/15

Previous Balance	\$ 69.00
Income	
Secret Bag	\$ 156.00
Total Income	\$ 156.00
Expenses	
Contributions to the Curia	\$ 65.00
Postage	\$ 12.00
Mass card	\$ 30.00
Supplies	\$ 70.00
Total Expenses	\$ 177.00
Present Balance	\$ 47.00

Legion of Mary: Anne Baarck. Report summary September 20, 2015

- The officers are: spiritual director, Monsignor Lawrence; president, William Talbot; vice president, Bernadette Staniszewski; secretary, Ann Marie N. Cantor; treasurer, Bernadine Zale.
- Membership: 4 active, 61 auxiliary, 1 praetorian.
- Conversions: 14 visits to Catholics in nursing homes
- Distribution of Literature: distributed 6 rosaries, 21 holy cards, 36 spiritual booklets.
- Consolation: 22 nursing home visits (138 people), 1 nursing home Masses attended, 3 calls/visits to shut ins, 2 funerals, 5 thinking of you cards
- Parish work: continue to pray the rosary with residents of 2 nursing homes on a designated Wednesday of the month and visit with the residents.

• Praesidium Treasurer's report as of 1/13/15

Previous Balance	\$ 47.00
Income	
Secret Bag	\$ 90.00
Total Income	\$ 90.00
Expenses	
Contributions to the Curia	\$ 60.00
Supplies	\$ 46.00
Total Expenses	\$ 106.00
Present Balance	\$ 31.00

This may be the last report. Benton's Legion of Mary is no longer in existence. You must have 2 Legions of Mary for the Curia to continue. The group is waiting to see if the Selinsgrove Legion of Mary will re-establish.

Parish Council of Catholic Women – Nancy Ramhap.

3 of 4 officers are pregnant and will soon be having babies. Parish Council of Catholic Women will put some things on hold and do things as they can. They will still make cookies to raise money for Haiti

Life Teen – Nancy Ramhap. Everything is going well. They are doing both the Theology of the body and the regular curriculum this year. The youth have received everything well and the numbers are larger this year – about 30 students per night. The 8th graders of both parishes are joining Life Teen for Fan the Fire.

Old Business

None

New Business

Should the school representative be a voting position? Is it a conflict of interest for the principal of the school to sit on the parish council? Monsignor will discuss this issue with Robert Marande.

Is it possible for people to get communion wine in a paper cup? No, it is not proper. There will be some precious blood that remains in the paper cup. You cannot throw it away in the trash. Various rites and dioceses use a variety of ways to distribute the communion host and wine. The Harrisburg diocese chooses to distribute communion following the "Take and Eat" and "Take and Drink" method as is described in scripture.

Dates for this year's meetings are:

December 3, 2015

January 7, 2016
February 4, 2016
March 3, 2016
March 31, 2016
June 2, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary