

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Oct 06, 2016

Attendance:

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

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and the Gospel reading for Sunday. The minutes of the previous meeting (Sept 1, 2016) were approved by consensus.

Pastor’s Report

- Lenten Appeal Assessment is \$83,700. As of 10/03/16 we are short \$6,860.87 in pledges

<u>Amount pledged</u>	<u>Paying Now</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$78,204.13	\$68,522.63	\$9,681.00

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 – 15 weeks. The difference is +\$8,907

AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Fiscal YTD Income as of 8/31/16

<u>Actual</u>	<u>2/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$180,565	\$189,824	(\$ 9,259)

Total Fiscal YTD Expenditures as of 8/31/16

<u>Actual</u>	<u>2/12 Budget</u>	<u>Over (under) Budget</u>
\$189,479	\$189,563	(\$ 174)

Beginning cash balance	(\$ 2,223)
Income exceeded expenditures 8/31/16	(\$ 8,914)
Ending cash balance 8/31/16	(\$ 11,137)

- 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 is working on what the Town requires us to do to get the parking area 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. The estimate is c.\$15,000 to raze the buildings, remove the debris, compact additional backfill dirt, grade 4” topsoil and fine grade and mulch all disturbed areas.
 - David A. Gensemer, Country Harbor Associates LLC, stated in a letter dated 9/19/16: “In my professional opinion along with my past experience in residential construction

these properties are going to cost more to save than they would be worth financially. Both these properties should be demolished.”

- The estimate for 112/116 Third Street to renovate would be \$195,850.
 - The estimate for 108 Third Street to renovate would be \$176,850.
 - Attorney Luschas will present the above information to HARB in the request to raze the buildings.
- Priests’ Workshop at Hunt Valley, MD the week of October 9 - 14
 - Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday, October 16
 - Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Winterfest will be held on Saturday, November 19

Liaison Reports

School Report: Bob Marande.

- Academic Program: The Common Wealth has given St. Columba extra money in addition to our allocation and we have purchased 15 new computers for the computer lab and have purchased enough chrome books so that every middle school student has one to use during the school day. This year we are scheduled for a diocesan visit which will take place October 18th.
- Finances: As the school year is a month old we are doing very well in this area.
- Enrollment: Enrollment is stable with no changes.
- Students: The 6th grade has undertaken the community service project of “Jarred Boxes”. This is where the students fill the boxes with items that children can play with as they wait at Bloom-Geisinger Hospital for treatment. It helps calm the nerves and gives the children something to do.
- The Yankee Candle fundraiser is well underway. Also, don’t forget to register for the Giant A+ School Rewards program. The Annual Gift Campaign letters are ready to be mailed. This is the largest fundraiser that the school has. Tuesday, October 11 is a dress down day, come dressed as your favorite explorer.

Food Cupboard: Deb Dillon

Deb spoke to Martha Shehee. Deb will help out at the food cupboard and provide reports to the council.

Campus Ministry: Diane Hale

Diane spoke to Amy Porter at campus ministry. Everything is good. Thank you for everything that St Columba does to support the Campus Ministry. Thank you for the use of the church on Sundays at 6pm for Mass. The CCM has a weekly newsletter that they distribute. The Winter Break mission trip this year is to the Change a Heart Franciscan volunteer program in Pittsburgh.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meetings for 2016 – 2017

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

January 5, 2017

February 2, 2017

March 2, 2017

May 4, 2017

June 8, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with prayer led by Msgr. Lawrence. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Brown, Pastoral Council Secretary