

## Parish Council Minutes – May 2015

President John Quallen called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and led the opening prayer in the absence of clergy.

The Minutes of the April 19, 2015 meeting were approved.

### Activity Updates:

- Pat Momnie reported that Mass was said at the adult day care facility and the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima continues to pilgrimage through Berkshire Town apartments. The healing and Anointing Mass is underway with invitations sent to members of St. Joseph Parish who are homebound and to those in nursing homes. Volunteers to help should notify Carolyn Rousseau or Pat Momnie. Many folks are needed to help.
- Peg Dunlop reported that the St. Anne group served at a funeral reception in the Parish Center recently. They group is making brownies for the Blue Mass reception, are helping with the Healing Mass, and are planning a Baby Shower for their May meeting with speaker Lorry DeCorrie from the Pregnancy Support group.
- Jack Laviolette sent a maintenance report which was read by John Quallen: Wooliver Roofing was called and made a temporary repair to an ice puncture in the North Chapel roof. Further repairs will be needed after the masonry repairs are completed. Wooliver will also tend to the trim at the Rectory which requires a lift for the repairs. Masonry Contractors will be contacted for needed repairs and repointing of the church with regularly scheduled future work planned. Martino Glass will come to adjust the Parish Center doors. Parking lot pot holes have been repaired. Plans are in the making to repair small areas of sidewalk on the south side of the church. Jack expressed thanks and blessings for the great turnout of helpers for the spring cleanup weekend.
- Ray Costello discussed the convent situation: Demolition of the property has been approved by Bishop Rozanski. However, this is just the first step in the process and demolition won't begin for at least a year or more.
- Elaine LaPierre thanked Bernie Scapin for her help in working up nomination papers. Since there were 4 vacancies and 4 nominees, there is no need for a parish election. Those who accepted the nominations are Joseph Dahrouge, Scott Nugai, Michael Schirripa, and Joseph Tournier. Elaine will invite them to attend the June meeting and their term in office will begin in September.
- Michael Wheeler reported that the Website Committee met on April 6<sup>th</sup> and are making plans for updating the website. Using suggestions from research data, they are working on keeping the site fresh and updated. Wendy Dottavio is very

helpful doing that with weekly input. Other recommendations are to keep the site Responsive and to Simplify the content. Mike will work with John Arasimowicz to integrate CCD information into the site. Another meeting is being planned for the committee.

- The Pastor was not present, but John Quallen reported that there was no new information on the unsold church buildings. Also, Msgr. Mike will give each council member a book on mentoring at the June meeting. He hopes to start a mentoring program in the parish and will need many volunteers for the program to succeed.

#### New Business

- Father's Day is June 21<sup>st</sup> which interferes with the next Council meeting. There is also the Father's Day Breakfast at the same time. The meeting will be held as planned since there were no workable alternatives, but the agenda will be limited to introduction of new members, election of officers, and the Pastor's report to minimize the impact on families.
- After some additional discussion, a suggestion was made into a proposal that in the future our regular monthly meetings end with the May meeting. The proposal was voted on and passed.
- The volunteer Picnic is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. Don Rochelo is chair person and asked for volunteers to help in the kitchen. Notices will be in the bulletin.
- Mark Brennan reported that the profit on the Mother's day flower sale was \$800. Also, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday concession which operates in June, July, August, and September, will feature just ice water, fried dough, and popcorn. This is due to the fact that the format of activities has greatly changed this year and less traffic is expected at our end of North Street. However, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July concession will add hamburgers, hotdogs, and soda to the menu. Depending on the weather, coffee and donuts may also be added.
- The meeting was brought to a close at 10:50 a.m.
- Next meeting is June 21<sup>st</sup> and will be held in the North Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

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