

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 2016

Minutes

1. Elaine LaPierre called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Monsignor Mike gave the opening prayer.
2. Roll Call – Absent Andrew Canata, Tom Daly, Josephine Daviau, John Quallen, Donald Rochelo, Joe Ryan, Jason Street, Michael Wheeler, John Arasimowicz, Mark Brennan, , Michele Madden, and Jeff Vincent
3. Approval of Minutes March 20, 2015 – correction: The Blue Mass is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 103 and Phil Janchuk is in charge of light refreshments on May 22 at the 11:30 mass
4. Activity Updates
 - a. Pastoral Ministry Update – P. Momnie
Regular communion calls and Rosary and Communion calls continued On June 26 there will be a Healing Mass.
 - b. St. Anne’s Society – P. Dunlop
On April 9 the officers meeting was held and the first meeting is scheduled for April 20 In May the society will do the reception for Sister Colette and First Communion.
 - c. Maintenance Committee Report – J. Laviolette
 1. Convent – Jack expects to hear from New England Salvage regarding salvaging the wood and other items in the convent. Safety, insurance requirements and feasibility will be discussed for this work.
 2. Clean-up – Saturday April 23, weather permitting, work will be done primarily on the church grounds.
 3. Fence – Berkshire Fence approximate pricing
 - a. repair the front fence damaged by rectory driveway - \$600
 - b. remove the front fence leaving the side fences \$3600
 - c. Remove and replace front fence with a black aluminum fence similar to the side fences \$12,000
 - d. Motion to send this to the Finance Committee for recommendation, it was voted on and agreed to.
 - d. Convent Disposition status – Ray Costello
Met with Diocese hope to have a bid package out by next Tuesday with bid opening on May 3, select and award contractor a few days later. Diocese must be kept up to date. Start of demolition in July 20 with completion in September prior to Sharing Roots. There are a lot of little details like shutting off water and sewer, etc. Cost of demolition estimate of around \$125,000 still seems reasonable.
 - e. Nominating Committee Report – C. Rousseau
Nine qualified people looking for 4 new people; notice in bulletin next week for anyone who wants to come forth
Discussion on having pictures taken for the nominees, in the future.

5. Pastor's Report

a. Parish Updates

1. Lots of movement on Holy Family hopefully more next month; as for St Mary's the buyer and the city are having problems
2. Jim Armstrong is going for permits for the Polish picnic and Sharing Roots and wants to know about Third Thursday. Monsignor Mike would like to have representation from parish council; about 8-12 people every month are needed to make the commitment
3. There is a Cemetery Commission with a representative from every parish on the committee. Jay Meehan is in charge of the cemetery and doing a great job. Some work is going on with White Engineers but nothing will be done with the roads until the water problems are solved. Every parish may be asked to donate money to get started.

a. Evangelization Updates

Gerry and Father still plan to get together to look at people not able to attend mass
Sacred Heart will join us for confirmations this year

- c. 20/20 is going on with the first drawing scheduled in May

6. Other Business

- a. Blue Mass – J. Laviolette Sunday May 22 11:30 mass, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Monsignor Mike will celebrate and Bishop McDonald will be the presider along with available area priests
- b. Father's Day Breakfast June 19 from 8 to 11 am in the parish center – Knights of Columbus #103 Fundraiser
- c. Anointing Mass – C. Rousseau
June 26 11:30 there are about 94 St Joseph parishioners who are invited.
- d. Volunteer Picnic – June 10 more to follow
- e. Next meeting May 15, 2016
- f. Flower sale Sat May 7(Saturday before Mothers Day) 10 till after 4 mass
- g. Barbara has resigned as the organist and Michael Garrity has been doing the Sat mass. Hopefully he will continue in this role.
- h. Reception for Sister Colette May 4 at 7:30
- i. Heating oil tank will be removed in the parking lot it will be a package deal and out of our hands

7. Closing Prayer – Deacon Pat at 11:00