

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2016

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by John Quallen with an opening prayer given by Monsignor Mike
2. New members (Tom Arasimowicz, Jim Armstrong, Mike Collins, and Barb Dalo) were welcomed by John Quallen.
3. Roll Call – Absent Andrew Canata, Betty Kirby, Nina Mastrangelo, Scott Nugai, Mike Schirripa, Jason Street, Carolyn Rousseau, John Arasimowicz, Mark Brennan, Peggy Dunlop
4. Approval of Minutes May 15, 2016 - The minutes were approved.
5. Religious Education Report – G. Dahrouge provided in Betty Kirby's absence
 - a. Teachers meeting on Sept 7 with the majority of the teachers present
 - b. Prayers is the theme for the year
 - c. A list of new teachers and teacher changes was provided to the council
 - d. There will be retirements at the end of the year, and replacements will need to be found, the replacements will need to be committed to Jesus.
 - e. John A and Bob Esposito from Sacred Heart are planning some joint ventures with the CCDs – the first was the retreat for Confirmation candidates held Sept 14- others will follow
 - f. Confirmation is Oct 30 at the 11:30 mass
 - g. Retreat for grades 7 and 8 in Oct
 - h. The recipient of the Pius the Tenth is being identified
 - i. Cathedral in the Night on Sept 25 will include participation from older students
 - j. There is a new member to the CCD board - Mrs. Powell
6. Activity Updates
 - a. Pastoral Ministry Update – P. Momnie
 - Communion calls are going very well
 - A big welcome to all that help with communion calls – Pat identified those individuals who help
 - Rosary and communion services continue and again Pat appreciates the help she receives
 - Oct 18 RCIA will start – Pat is unsure of how many will be involved
 - CORI checks need to be done for those who do visits
 - b. St. Anne's Society – P. Dunlop (absent) Elaine LaPierre provided in Peg's absence
 - 5 new members joined
 - June - Baby Shower was held to support the Pregnancy Support Program with speakers Bernie Scapin and Lori Decorie
 - July - Moment House Alice Trumbull spoke

- One funeral reception during the summer
- Sept 21 meeting and covered dish supper – all are welcome
- Oct meeting – reflective rosary
- Nov 12 Italian dinner is in the planning

c. Polish Picnic Report – T. Arasimowicz

The event was very successful. The extra food was used at the Festival of Sharing Roots. Net proceeds were around \$23,000. Thanks for everyone who worked and helped out

d. Festival of Sharing Roots Report– J. Laviolette

- Thank you for making it a success – many compliments about the booth and layout – the stage was nice in front of the rectory
- This was Jack’s last year as chair for this event; Scott Oakes will take over next year as co chair. Also Jason Street will not be able to run Kiddie Land next Year, so someone else will be needed

e. Maintenance Committee Report – J. Laviolette

- Architectural Salvage from convent removed stairs, doors molding etc. and paid St Joe \$7,500 to offset cost of demolition
- Fall cleanup planning is in progress and a date has yet to be determined
- Repair and remove of the fence out front – approximate pricing from Berkshire Fence \$600 to repair front fence damage by rectory driveway; \$3,600 to remove front fence and leave the side fences and \$12,000 to remove and replace the front fence with a black aluminum fence similar to the side. A request was also made to determine the cost of an in-kind replacement. It is expected that the cost for that will be astronomical.– Jack will review options further with the Finance Committee
- Fuel oil tank – waiting for word from Diocesan Engineer
- Upper window on back church – further study due to deterioration, the painting is completed
- Lower back sash to be painted
- Manhole by rectory small hole nearby that needs to be looked into further
- Outdoor camera still looking at other companies - Ron Rousseau is looking into it; Jack will follow up with him

f. Convent Demolition update – Ray Costello

Demo permit in hand received on Friday; maybe here tomorrow to start the demo. Post meeting note – demolition commenced on Monday.

7. Pastor’s Report

a. Parish Updates

- Thank you to new members
- Holy Family all but sold – buyer David Carver – plans to create 10 apartments in the present structure

- St Mary's – Carfua is withdrawing their offer to buy, but there is interest from another party for the convent and rectory for one purpose and potentially for the church as a music venue

b. Evangelization Initiative

Fr Mike noted that there are many inactive members in the parish – Plan to finish the year with a mission fair for all members active and inactive to identify the various activities available and then provide a presentation to encourage people to sign up.

c. Father noted that the Parish Center has been quite busy and mentioned that the Red Cross and BFAIR are big users.

d. Michele spoke of some issues that have arisen with Parish Center use:

- Calendar – check before making plans to use the center and sign-up
- Receipts are needed when buying or charging something to the church for reimbursement
- Funerals – paper goods will be provided by the church
- Call the rectory before coming just to make sure someone is there
- Bulletin - 12:00 Monday is the deadline
- Individuals or groups who use the center should not be leaving anything behind and should cleanup

e. Other

- Gerry Dahrouge - Sweet Adelines Nov 5 show will be at the parish center, there will be a beer and wine bar with proceeds to the church; in return they will provide a free Christmas Concert in church on Dec 18
- Nov 12 Italian Dinner – tickets will be available ahead with take out available
- Monsignor Mike - Oct 20 Day of Recollection at Enders Island for the parish
- December 11 there will be a Boston Pops trip for Christmas
- Two new priests are in the area Fr. Brian in Lee and Fr. David at St Marks
- E. LaPierre - Sister Colette is coming back for a retreat Oct 20; will see about changing date at the next St. Anne's meeting to avoid a conflict with Ender's Island

8. Other Business

a. Photos for Council members

- Mike Wheeler - New council members and officers will have their pictures taken and put on the website next meeting and the rest the following meeting (and on the Facebook page)
- The Facebook page was started in April and people seem to be "liking it"

b. Jack Laviolette - After event meeting for Sharing Roots in approximately 2 weeks

- c. Jack Laviolette – Oct 23 Knights are sponsoring a breakfast fundraiser to raise funds for St. Joe RCIA media equipment
 - d. Joe Tournier – discussion on the voting privileges of new members that was discussed at the meeting in May. Joe felt that there was a discussion concerning new members having to wait 6 months prior to being able to vote. Elaine and John had no recollection of it. Joe said he could not find anything in the bylaws about it. After some discussion, the matter was dropped.
 - e. Next meeting October 16, 2016
9. The meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m. with the closing prayer given by Deacon Pat