

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of December 11, 2012

Attendance: Fr. Wojciech Pelczarski, Sharon Scorso, Dorli and Lou Cloutier, Sharon Snuffer, Tom Manning, Janusz Herasimowicz, and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:08 p.m.

The following was discussed:

1. The minutes of October's meeting were reviewed. An amendment to be added to the minutes before distribution to parishioners is the following to the Property Management Report: The replacement of the ceiling tiles (in the worship space in the Church) is currently on hold. The minutes were then accepted.
2. **Faith Formation:** Another family has submitted enrollment paperwork.
3. **Safe Environments:** The Diocese is processing the paperwork for the 4 new catechists.
4. **Property Management:** The replacement to the damaged ceiling tiles in the Church proper was put on hold pending insurance reimbursement. Since the repair is more aesthetic and not an immediate necessity, the project will commence probably next Fall. Cracks in the parking pavement cannot be filled in the cold season; therefore, will be readdressed in the Spring. The faulty electrical panel on the generator supplying the Rectory has been replaced. To improve illumination of the back parking lot, behind the cemetery, a consideration is to replace the broad beam light with a flood light. Issues related to maintenance of the vinyl floor tiles in the Parish Center were reviewed. Every other year the floors need to be stripped and waxed. An estimate cost to the upper level is \$1300 for material only. The possibility of applying carpeting to certain rooms, such as the Library and classrooms, was discussed. Recommended was to get estimates on carpeting and to break down cost per specific rooms. Suggested also was to rent/borrow an all floor steamer and assess its effectiveness to remove scuff marks and dirt. To avoid the disposal of cigarette butts onto the parish grounds, 3 receptacles will be purchased at a cost of \$52/piece, courtesy of the Christmas Fair Group. A receptacle will be placed at each main side entrance outside the Church, and one at the Parish Center. The Fair Group has purchased 2 chair dollies to properly stack chairs in the Center Hall for insertion into the closets. One of the parish advertisement signs in front of the Church had yellowed. The other had maintained its original painted white background color. This is due to the difference in water sources and occurred when the plants underneath the sign were watered over the summer months. The Rectory has a water softening system; hence the water drawn will not discolor the paint. A cleansing product will remediate the staining. The outside basement door to the Rectory needs replacement. Parishioner and carpenter Jim O'Brien, who installed replacement windows to this building, will complete the work.
5. **Bingo:** 45 persons attended last evening. The goal is to have a jackpot every 8 weeks. Instead of the TV raffles, cash will be awarded as a substitute. The machine has had mini breakdowns during game time. The service company will be contacted to inspect the equipment.
6. **Pastoral Planning:** The last meeting in October highlighted areas of possible collaboration within the cluster and St. Maurice. One area is to have combined youth group activities. A suggestion was made to rent a bus next year to shuttle youth attending the Youth Explosion Event 2013. Discussed was the possibility of hiring a Youth Group Coordinator for the cluster of parishes. This person would have an educational background in youth ministry, a dynamic personality and an interest in creating an atmosphere that would ignite enthusiasm of high school aged youth in the Catholic faith, outreach, and social justice. The feasibility of the parishes to split the cost of this position, the logistics such as where meetings would be held, if parents would support this endeavor, will need further exploration. The *2012 Recommendations* in the event of the loss of a pastor within the cluster were submitted to the Diocese by the Cluster.
7. **Youth Group:** The development of initiating a separate high school age youth group here at St. Maurice is in the discussion phase.
8. **Christmas Fair:** The Fair was another success with gratitude expressed to all those who volunteered their time by working the week and/or day of the Fair, and to those who supported by their attendance. The income generated increased from last year! Projected is a need for 45 volunteers to work the day of the Fair.
9. **Finance:** No report.
10. **Christmas Mass schedule:** December 24th 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
December 25th, 10:00 a.m.
11. **WAIM:** St. Maurice has not had a representative for several years now. Tom has volunteered to accept this position. The parish will again support fundraising through the sale of Super Bowl grinders. Collection of gently worn clothes is still being delivered to support people in need.
12. **Parish Center Kitchen Report:** Supplies, such as coffee, paper goods, have dwindled and those persons using have not communicated the need to replenish. A note has been posted in the kitchen. The Public Health Department is due to inspect the kitchen this week. The Fire Marshall/State of CT requires a semi annual inspection of the kitchen to assess the fire suppression hoods. The company currently used by the parish charges a cost of \$550. Alternative inspection companies are being reviewed for cost.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting will be held February 12, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Cinea