

Approved Parish Council Minutes
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet
January 27, 2015

In Attendance: Cindy Harvey (Parish Council President), Mimi Hernandez (Spanish Ministry & Finance Committee Chair), Kurt Kambic (At Large), Lynn Michels (55 Club & CCW), Scott Lockwood (Men's Club), Elizabeth Lockwood (Youth Group), Father Pete Jankowski (*Ex Officio*), Paul Kolodziej (*Ex Officio*), Alicia Tocwish (*Business Manager Ex Officio*)

Absent: Rosario Gurrola (RE/ Adult Formation), Deacon Darrell Kelsey (*Ex Officio*)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Opening Prayer led by Deacon Paul

I. Approval of Last Month's Minutes

No minutes presented will approve at next meeting

II. Fr. Pete introduced the three new Parish Council members Cindy Harvey (newly appointed at-large Parish Council President), Scott Lockwood (newly appointed Men's Club President) and Elizabeth Lockwood (Youth Group Representative). He has also asked Adrian and Adriana Flores to join the Parish Council as representatives of the Spanish Community. He reminded everyone present that the Parish Council is only an advisory board and not a decision making board.

III. Reports

A. Young at Heart 55Club - The 55 Club has been taking it easy for the past two months. Their next meeting is scheduled to take place on February 13, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Their program is entitle "Eleanor Roosevelt". Anyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

B. CCW - Craft Fair helped raise about \$1,200 for their projects. Working on Bishop Blanchet Scholarships and Soup Can fundraiser during lent.

C. Finance. No Report

- D. **Food Pantry:** We have a new donor, Thornton's Gas Station (Essington & Theodore) has agreed to donate some of their dairy and deli foods. Bob will pick up the donations on Mondays. Deacon Paul also mentioned that St. Jude's and St. Mary Nativity have continuously donated non-perishable foods to the Food Pantry. Alicia is working with Catholic Charities to set up Mobil Food Pantry visits for 2015.
- E. **Hispanic Ministry:** The Hispanic ministry continues to grow and the opportunities to join them are many. Circulo de Oración is meeting on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. There is Holy hour on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. There is a Spanish Mass on Wednesday Nights followed by confessions. The Legion of Mary also meets on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. For anyone interested in praying the rosary in Spanish we have a group who meet Monday to Friday at Noon (in the Chapel) to pray the Rosary. We also have an all-night adoration night once a month. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved in their faith.
- F. **Religious Education:** No Report
- G. **Men's Club:** The Men's group had a meeting on January 22, 2015 to discuss reorganizing, renaming the group and increasing membership. For the time being they will remain as the Men's group. The members present would like to see more family driven events (blood drives, parish wide socials, etc.). The group made a \$500 donation to help pay for additional tables for our various events.
- H. **Youth Group Ministry:** Elizabeth mentioned how much they enjoyed helping Fr. Pete at St. Francis University in November. The Youth Group will be going to Daybreak in March and April. She explained how their trip to Hopkins Park was very fulfilling. They are also in the process of designing their shirts for their upcoming YLC trip.

IV. **Pastor's Report**

- 1) Fr. Pete encourages all the major groups in the Parish to get involved in serving at Daybreak Shelter. We already have the seniors who for the past 22 years have been serving food on the first Wednesday of the month. The Youth group serves food on the first Saturday of the month in March and April and the confirmation students in January and February. He would like to see the other groups pick at least two more Saturdays. He challenges us to pick up the remaining eight months.

- 2) Thanks to the generosity of the 55 Club, Men's Club and the Council of Catholic Women (CCW), we will be able to purchase some additional tables for our events.
- 3) The Irish Dinner will take place on March 7, 2015 from 4-8pm.
- 4) This year our Parish Mission speaker will be Fr. Bruce Nieli, CSP. The theme is "Responding to the Spirit with Pope Francis. The date for the mission are February 15-17, 2015.
- 5) Thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners we will begin Phase I (retiling underneath the pews) of our carpet project. Hopefully our benefactor will help us complete Phase II (carpet replacement for isles, altar and foyer). While surveying the property Fr. Pete noticed that the fence along the east side of the parking lot needs to be repaired. The railing on the west side is also in need of repair. Fr. Pete has been informed by Jim that the roof in the Church building will need to be repaired as well. Jim also informed Fr. Pete that the concrete (between the Church and the convent) that was replaced last spring is cracking.
- 6) The transfer of the lot donated by the City of Joliet has been finalized. The City agreed to clear several dead trees. That has been completed as well. We are waiting on finalizing the transaction that will transfer a strip of land adjoining our parking lot and the empty lot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Closing prayer Fr. Pete

Respectfully submitted by Alicia Tocwish