

# Approved Parish Council Minutes

## St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet

### February 24, 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), Rosario Gurrola (RE/ Adult Formation), and Father Pete Jankowski (*Ex Officio*),

**Absent:** Deacon Darrell Kelsey (*Ex Officio*), Paul Kolodziej (*Ex Officio*) and Alicia Tocwish (*Business Manager Ex Officio*)

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. Opening Prayer led by Fr. Pete

I. Approval of Last Month's Minutes

## II. Reports

A. **From the President.** Cindy wanted to acknowledge the work of Jim Smith, who tirelessly maintains the property without much recognition. Cindy encouraged members of the Council and committees to help Jim set up the Church during Holy Week. Cindy also encouraged the groups to participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

B. **Young at Heart/55 Club.** The 55 Club met in February in the gym for their monthly get together on February 13, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Their program is entitled "Eleanor Roosevelt." The next meeting will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## C. CCW

1. No applications for the Bishop Blanchet Scholarship have been received so far. However, there is possibly that two families are interested in applying. The deadline is February 28, 2015.
2. The CCW will be hosting the Donuts and Coffee after the Masses on February 28 - March 1.

3. The CCW Ladies will provide baked goods for the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner.
  4. Save the date – the CCW Spring Luncheon will take place Saturday – April 18, 2015 at noon. Everyone is invited. The guests will be the Vilaseca Sisters and possibly Sr. Grace (not sure yet).
- D. **Finance.** Submitted via email, Alicia states that the Finance Committee will meet soon to discuss the 2015-16 Parish Budget.
- E. **Food Pantry.** The Parish Council wish to thank Kurt Kambic and Scott Lockwood for taking responsibility for collecting food from Panera Bread each week. A discussion ensued about what to do with the excess bread received each week at the parish.
- F. **Hispanic Ministry.** Mimi spoke to Jean Roach with the hope of getting the Hispanic Community to serve meals at Daybreak every other month. In February, the diocesan Círculo Retreat took place at St. Pat's, where over two hundred individuals participated. Rosa Trejo is coordinating with Fr. Pete an all-day/night vigil, where Fr. Pete will be hearing confessions and adoration will take place from 8:00 a.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) until 8:00 a.m. on March 8<sup>th</sup> (Sunday).
- G. **Religious Education.**
1. RE classes are extended this year until June 7<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Registration for the 2015/2016 year at the end of April.
  3. Julie is looking into ways to reduce class size. One way is to hold Confirmation One and Confirmation Two classes on a separate nights. Fr. Pete to inquire with other churches to find out how they handle large numbers of students. Mt. Carmel has classes several nights a week with Communion classes on some nights and Confirmation classes on other evenings. St. John's has classes several nights a week as well. However, they started scheduled to fit the needs of each family last year. The DRE at St. John the Baptist said it is a LONG process but worked well (i.e. If there are many families with children in First, Fourth and Eighth Grades then they offer only those classes to those families for one night).
  4. RE continues to hold tutoring classes on Fridays. Thank you to Mrs. Silvia Sarver for donating her time for the children in Grades Three through Confirmation Two who need to make their First Communion.
  5. The children's offertory envelopes are distributed before the class Masses.

6. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 14th at 2:00 pm (and maybe 5:00 pm). Bishop Siegel will be the celebrant.
7. RE has dates for two service projects to Sacred Heart Church in Hopkins Park. They are Saturday, April 18 and Saturday, May 16th. Hopefully the group will be joined once again by some of our Youth Group and Deacon Darrell. Can we fill the back of the bus with food pantry items again? Confirmation shields and necessary information are coming in.
8. The Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Fr. Pete for leading the Retreat.
9. First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The First Communion Bread Ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.
10. The First Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Church building. The church and the surrounding classrooms will be used. The Adult Faith Formation Classes in English and in Spanish (led by Fr. Pete) are going well. We missed last week due to the cold weather. We will go until March 26<sup>th</sup>.

H. **Men's Club.** No meeting took place. Alicia spoke with Scott Lockwood concerning the financial guidelines for the Men's Club.

I. **Youth Group Ministry.** The teens will be visiting the Daybreak Center to feed the hungry on March 7<sup>th</sup>. On Friday - February 27<sup>th</sup>, the teens will be going to St. Mary Immaculate Church to attend a Christian Concert.

#### IV. **Pastor's Report**

- A. **School Alarms.**
- B. **Tile/Carpet Project.**
- C. **Parish Mission.**
- D. **Irish Dinner.**
- E. **24 Hour Confessions.**
- F. **Commenting on Religious Education.**
- G. **Seven Parish Tour on Holy Thursday.**
- H. **Consolidation of Parishes/Masses in Joliet.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Closing prayer Fr. Pete

Respectfully submitted by Fr. Pete Jankowski