

Approved Parish Council Minutes
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet
March 24, 2015

In Attendance: Cindy Harvey (Parish Council President), Kurt Kambic (At Large), Elizabeth Lockwood, (Youth Group), Father Pete Jankowski (*Ex Officio*), Paul Kolodziej (*Ex Officio*), Alicia Tocwish (*Ex Officio*) and Jim Smith (*Ex Officio*)

Absent: Rosario Gurrola, Scott Lockwood, Darrell Kelsey, Mimi Hernandez-Bly

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. Opening Prayer led by Fr. Pete

I. Approval of Last Month's Minutes

II. Jim Smith wanted the Parish Council input on the possibility of removing the gym bleachers (they are outdated and in need of repair), the scoreboard and a couple of the basketball hoops, to give the gym a nicer clean look. No decision was reached. Jim will look into possibly selling some of the items once a decision is reached. The gym floor has been redone so many times that at this point it really needs to be sanded down to the wood before it is redone. The cost to do the latter is about \$10,500. Fr. Pete will speak to Glenn VanCura from Catholic Charities to see if they would be willing to help with the cost of refurbishing the gym floor. He will also reach out to the different sports groups that use the gym for basketball practices to see if they can help with the cost. The other two items that are dire need of repair are the heater on the east hallway (between the Columba room and classrooms) and the limestone wall (south east corner of the parking lot).

III. Reports

A. CCW – Will host its spring luncheon and general meeting on April 18, 2015. The guest of honor will be the Josephine Center Sisters. That same day our woman of the year, Silvia Sarver, will attend mass at the Cathedral.

- B. **Finance.** Alicia reported that our Liability insurance will increase by 20% this year and our parish assessment will increase by 5%. The Finance Committee is working on next year's budget.
- C. **Food Pantry:** Is doing great all the freezers are full. 25 Easter Hams have been purchase and a total of 50 Ham's will be distributed on Monday March 30, 2015 to our families.
- D. **Hispanic Ministry:** No report
- E. **Religious Education:**
1. RCIA retreat will take place on Palm Sunday
- F. **55 Club:** Their next meeting will take place on Friday March 26, 2015 everyone 55 and older is invited to attend.
- G. **Men's Club:** No report.
- H. **Teen Ministry:** Served food at Daybreak Shelter on March 7, 2015. Will join the RE students on their trip to Hopkins Park. They plan on having car washes during June, July & August to raise funds for their YLC trip.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Pete informed the Parish council that all the funds to replace the carpet have been received. Many of Parishioners made donations, as well as The Parks Foundation, who once again made a very generous donation to help us finish raising the funds needed.

The Mission went well, there was about 40 people in attendance at each of the services. The 24 hour confessions went well.

Fr. Pete reminded everyone that there are no basketball practices during Holy Week. We will once again offer the opportunity to visit seven parishes on Holy Thursday.

In a continued effort to keep the St. Patrick's Neighborhood association from contacting our friends at the police department (regarding parking) we are continuing to set up cones on Sunday before the 8am mass. Jeff Dux has been helping us set up the cones.

Fr. Pete ended the meeting with prayer.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Alicia Tocwish