

Approved Parish Council Minutes

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet

September 22, 2015

In Attendance: Cindy Harvey (Parish Council President), Mimi Hernandez-Bly (Hispanic Ministry), Kurt Kambic (At Large), Blanca Aguirre (Finance), Minnie Cazales (At Large), Father Pete Jankowski (*Ex Officio*), Paul Kolodziej (*Ex Officio*), and Alicia Tocwish (*Ex Officio*)

Absent: Lynn Michaels (CCW/55 Club), Sylvia Sarver (Religious Education), Scott Lockwood (At Large), Elizabeth Lockwood, (Youth Group), Deacon Chuy Dominguez (*Ex Officio*) and Deacon Darrell Kelsey (*Ex Officio*)

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

I. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

II. Reports

A. CCW.

1. The VFW Cantigny Post on Horseshoe Drive has asked St. Pat's to help them staff their Bingo Program once a month. In return, a segment of the proceeds from the event will be directed towards St. Patrick's Church. The CCW will serve as representatives for this program.
2. The Day of the Dead Celebration has been cancelled for this year.
3. The CCW will be holding their General Meeting on November 14th, in conjunction with the Parish's Anointing of the Sick Mass.

B. Maintenance.

1. Rafael will begin the roof project in October. Fr. Pete is beginning the "Sweet 16" campaign to raise the \$16,000 necessary to repair the roof.
2. Fr. Pete has contacted Tom Ward (the Highway Commissioner of Troy Township) to help fix the back lot.
3. The cost for LED Lights in Chapel will run around \$500; Fr. Pete will seek funds for the change. Jim will look into the cost of replacing the lights in the church.

4. Lightning struck the parish on September 18th, taking out the lighting in the church, the key card system, various appliances in the church and the alarm system. Jim Smith is working with Jim Wright of the Diocesan Insurance Office to initiate repairs. The repairs should be covered by insurance.
 5. Jim is installing LED lighting to the back of the primary building for the sake of safety.
 6. The back parking lot was sealed and striped, courtesy of Lucas Paving. John Lucas also stated that the parking lot area between the south gym door and the rectory garage needs to be repaired.
- C. **Finance.** The Parish Offertory Program will begin in October. The following Council Members are asked to speak at the Masses the weekend of October 24-25...
1. 4:30 Mass - Cindy Harvey
 2. 8:00 Mass - Lynn Michels
 3. 10:00 Mass - Kurt Kambic
 4. 12:00 Mass - Mimi Bly
- D. **Food Pantry.** Fresh Food Truck on October 27th, courtesy of the Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus and Joliet Catholic Academy. JCA will also provide their annual food donation to the pantry the first week of November.
- E. **Hispanic Ministry.**
1. The upcoming Fiesta will need help with various food stations. Maria Jankowski will bring her normal fare - we will need to contact those with other Mexican foods to help with the event.
 2. Fr. Pete will contact Alfonso Saucedo about the music for the event.
 3. Fr. Pete will ask the Legion of Mary to work with Alfonso in coordinating the Guadalupe celebration on December 12th and the Posadas on December 20th.
- F. **Religious Education.**
1. Because of the large class size on Tuesday night, Joyce Schroeder has volunteered to teach, splitting the class taught by Adriana Flores. With this new teacher, all class sizes in the program will have fifteen students or less on average.
 2. RE will probably cap out at 300 students this year. Because we dropped Kindergarden for 2015-16, we are down 16 students this year. We also had

an unusually high number of confirmandi for 2015. We have about 45 students in Confirmation II and another 60 in Confirmation I. Classes on Tuesday nights are going well.

G. 55 Club.

1. The next 55 Club meeting will be the Mary Crowning on October 23rd, followed by a bratwurst lunch.
2. Maria Jankowski will cater the Thanksgiving Luncheon in December.
3. 55 Club Members are encouraged to buy tickets to the parish-sponsored production of St. Therese – the Story of a Soul.

H. Men's Club. None

I. Teen Ministry. Teens will help Fr. Pete at the St. Therese production on November 14th. Teens will also help with the Posadas celebration on December 20th.

J. Liturgy. We need to decide whether to keep distributing the Precious Blood at the 4:30 & 8:00 Masses, due to lack of ministers. We also need to decide what to do about the low turnout at the 4:30 Mass.

K. St. Vincent de Paul. The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here on October 31 – November 1st for the twice annual Clothing Drive. RCIA candidates will assist

III. New Business.

Cindy Harvey has been attending the Diocesan Bereavement Seminar.

IV. Pastor's Report

Fr. Pete sent a note to Councilman Jim McFarland, thanking him for his help with the back lot project. This project will be completed at the beginning of November.

Rafael Hernandez will complete the parish roof project at the end of October. Due to the generosity of parishioners, parish came under budget on this project – there is still some work to do, though. Rafael says that his group was able to take care of the major damage on the roof and around one of the bell towers. Next spring, the gang will work on the other bell tower (no cost for materials, since

they have enough materials to complete the other side). Rafael also tells me that the gutters around the church are falling apart and need to be re-screwed to the base of the walls. He will take care of that with his guys when time permits - he has the parts to finish this work.

In addition, we were able to acquire enough money to replace the incandescent lights in the chapel with those of the LED variety. This will be a bigger cost up front but in the long run should save us some money (as well as saving Jim from having to change lights more often!). Jim thinks that the light conversion of the church might run between \$3,000-\$5,000 (because we need LEDs that work off of dimmer switches) but again, this might save money as well in the long run. Any ideas on how to get that extra \$\$\$ would be appreciated.

Jim also mentioned that the state and other agencies might be able to help us get motion detector switches for the lights in many of our rooms. This would be of great help to save money in the long run as well. Stay tuned.

The Parish Newsletter will be sent out at the end of November with the hope of generating revenue for the parish and helping pay off the debt. Fr. Pete has been asked by the diocese to facilitate a National Stewardship Seminar in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency on October 21st.

Fr. Pete ended the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Peter Jankowski