

**Parish Council Minutes**  
**St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet**  
**October 28, 2014**

**In Attendance:** Mike Harvey (Representative of Men's Club and Parish Council President), Lynn Michels (Worship & CCW) Rosario Gurrola ( RE/ Adult Formation), Kurt Kambic (member at Large), Mimi Hernandez-Bly (Hispanic Ministry & Finance Committee) Father Pete Jankowski (*Ex Officio*), Deacon Darrell Kelsey (*Ex Officio*), Paul Kolodziej (*Ex Officio*), Alicia Tocwish (*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. Reports**

**A. CCW**

Lynn reported that he CCW held its semiannual general meeting and dinner on October 18, 2014, which was open to the public. There were about 70 people in attendance; everyone enjoyed the dinner (thank you Maria Jankowski!) and the presentation of the movie *God's not Dead*. The evening was such a success that we hope to do this again next year. The CCW also is working on their annual Craft Fair which will take place on December 7, 2014 and their annual Christmas luncheon will take place on December 10, 2014 at Al's Steak House.

**B. The Young at Heart - 55 Club**

The 55 Club had its May Crowning and Luncheon on October 24, 2014. About 60-70 people were in attendance and a great time was had by all. The next event is their annual Thanksgiving luncheon on November 21, 2014.

**C. Finance.**

The 2014-2015 Offertory drive went well all pledges have been imputed. Glen Gummess will be sending thank you letters in the next 2 weeks.

**D. Food Pantry**

The Mobil Food Pantry will be here November 25, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; we are expecting 175 to 200 families. On November 12, 2014 we will distribute Thanksgiving meals to approximately 50 families. St. Joseph's Church in Lockport called to ask if we would be interested in receiving 40 pies.

**E. Hispanic Ministry:** No report

**F. Religious Education:**

1. See attached
2. The Italian Village Dinner will take place this year on November 8, 2014; we are encourage to attend.

**G. Worship:** No Report

**H. Pro-Life:** No report.

**I. Men's Club**

Though they are not meeting formally, the Club still continues to show their support to our parish by serving at different events when called upon (including weddings). They have allocated funds for five Thanksgiving meals

**J. Teen Ministry:** No report.

**IV. Pastor's Report**

Informed the group that we will be adding A/C to the two classrooms used by Joliet Junior College, by doing so JJC will be able to offer classes during the summer. The cost will approximately \$2000.

Fr. Pete will be taking care of the advertising for our upcoming events, Posada, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration and the CCW Craft Fair.

Fr. Pete asked for suggestion on how to handle the use of the gym by other groups. Recently we had two incidents which resulted in the destruction of art projects and toys belonging to the Head Start children. Therefore we must revisit the rental policy of the gym for any/all functions. It was also suggested that a restricted fund be set up to replace chairs & tables.

Fr. Pete ended the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia Tocwish

## Religious Education Report October 2014

1. Thanks to Mrs. Mimi Bly, our first round of tuition statements went out two Sundays ago.
2. We started tutoring classes on Fridays. Thank you to Mrs. Silvia Sarver for donating her time the children in grades 3 – 5 who need to make their First Communion. As we only have tutoring in the second year, our tutoring class is much smaller this year – 15 students.
3. Children’s offertory envelopes are distributed before our class Masses again this year.
4. Mrs. Reyna Chavez meets with the children’s choir every Tuesday and has done an excellent job – the children sing beautifully.
5. Confirmation Parent Meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
6. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting was October 14<sup>th</sup>.
7. Our Adult Faith Formation has begun meeting on Thursdays from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Fr. Pete has been facilitating a course on the Old Testament. The first night we had over 60 attendees. Thanks to Mrs. Maria Jankowski for making the dinners for the first 4 sessions.
8. Our Italian Dinner is Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year.