

Approved Parish Council Minutes
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet
February 11, 2014

In Attendance: Mike Harvey (Representative of Men's Club and Parish Council President), Kurt Kambic (At Large), Lynn Michels (Worship & CCW), Mimi Hernandez (Spanish Ministry & Finance Committee Chair) Father Pete Jankowski (*Ex Officio*), Deacon Darrell Kelsey (*Ex Officio*), Deacon Paul Kolodziej (*Ex Officio*) and Alicia Tocwish (*Ex Officio*)

Absent: Joan Bannon (Service) & Rosario Gurrola (RE/ Adult Formation),

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Opening Prayer led by Fr. Pete Jankowski

I. Approval of Last Month's Minutes

The December Parish Council minutes were approved by the council.

II. Reports

A. CCW

Starting January 2014, Carolina Hernandez will serve as the president of the CCW. We thank Janet Muir for her time as president of the CCW. The CCW is working with Joe Langenderfer on a Diocesan Estate Planning Seminar for Spring 2014.

B. 55 Club.

Jean Roach presented to the members of the 55 Club the dates for the winter/spring 2014 meetings, one of which taking place in the Columba Room. The rest of the meetings will take place in the gymnasium, per an agreement with the Head Start leaders.

Currently Jean is working with the Head Start leaders concerning the use of the gym for 55 Club Meetings in 2014/2015.

C. Finance.

Alicia Tocwish noted that our three year audit will take place on March 10-11. In addition, she will be calling the Finance Committee together to begin preparations for the 2014/2015 budget.

D. Food Pantry

Deacon Paul reported that the Pantry seems to be well-staffed. A discussion ensued concerning what to do when the parish receives excess bread during the week. The group agreed that when this happens, the bread will be dispersed by Jim Smith to all the pantry and charitable services throughout the city.

E. Hispanic Ministry

Mimi informed the group that on the first Saturday of March, April & May, Fr. Pete will celebrate a 6:00 p.m. Mass for the faithful. As the Spanish Speaking group has encouraged Fr. Pete to begin a Saturday evening liturgy, Fr. Pete agreed to celebrate these three Masses to see what type of attendance would be evident at these Masses. After a three month trial, Fr. Pete will have further discussion with the group.

The Hispanic Community has begun a 12:00 daily rosary in the chapel, to which about 10-15 faithful have attended.

A diocesan leadership conference took place during a snowstorm on February 1st where over 100 people attended from throughout the diocese.

F. Religious Education:

No Report.

G. Worship

Fr. Pete reported for Lynn Michels that new linens are being made for the parish with the help of Faye Breen. The use of the chapel by our parish is phenomenal.

H. Pro-Life

No Report.

- I. **Men's Club:** Men's club reported on a successful coffee and donuts offering the first weekend in December. They also are selling school desks uniforms and sports benches.

J. Teen Ministry

Deacon Darrell informed the group about the Teen Mass that would take place on February 15th. After the Mass, the teens will be making get well cards for the sick and infirm at the parish.

IV. New Business

- A. Mike Harvey inquired about finding more music options at the 4:30 Saturday Vigil Mass. He is asking if we can put an announcement in the bulletin to see if there are groups/individuals who might be able to volunteer to sing at this Mass.

III. Pastor's Report

- A. The previous week, the City Council of Joliet referenced St. Patrick's Church and our inability to provide parking during times of large snowfall in the city. Fr. Pete called a few members of the City Council, including the mayor, to state that will a lot that is in serious need of repair, with busses and public traffic using the lot during the week for Head Start and ESL and with our own parish activities, it is unfeasible to open the lot for outside parking. Fr. Pete spoke to Councilman Jim McFarland about the situation, suggesting that possibly streets are available in the area with dilapidated, unoccupied homes that might be leveled and turned into a parking lot for this purpose. Fr. Pete asked the council members to attend this meeting but the members could not due to scheduling conflicts. The Parish Council agreed to hold a special session on March 4th so that the members of the City Council could attend.
- B. Fifty Students for the Aurora University Chorale will participate in a concert on February 27th at the parish with a 7:00 p.m. start. The concert is free and open to the public.
- C. Fr. Ed Shea begins our parish mission on March 8-9 with the weekend Masses. As March 8th also happens to be our Irish Mass & Dinner; because of the cost of Corned Beef, Maria Jankowski has asked that the prices for the meal be increased to \$15 for an adult, \$11 for seniors and \$7 for students. On

- March 9th, Parish Council will host Coffee & Donuts at the Sunday Masses (no Saturday night because of the dinner).
- D. On March 15th, the parish will work with USF to host a "Service for the Poor" at St. Pat's, starting with the 10:00 service and breakfast after. The idea here is to invite the Food Pantry folks. Those who RSVP will get a ticket that can be used to guarantee first in line for bfast and such.
 - E. As March 5th begins Lent, Deacon Paul will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings. Fr. Pete/Deacon Chuy will lead Spanish Stations on Friday nights at 6:00 p.m.
 - F. Logistically speaking, the structure for Lent/Easter in 2014 will parallel that of 2013.

Father ended the meeting with prayer.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Fr. Pete Jankowski