

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2018**

In attendance: Father Piotr, Sharon Andres, Bernice Baranowski, Bob Laprade, Laura Meyer, Joseph Pelis, Joan Smola, Beth Szymanski, Elaine Tudryn, Frank Wilda, Jr.

Absent: Richard Holden, Martha Boisvert, Eileen Monopoli, Pat Jasmin

The meeting was called to order with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: March 19, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

Finance Committee update: No update as there was no meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee update: The process continues for renovations and improvements with a letter to the Bishop. Plans have been drawn and quotes have been received for carpet/pews and the church roof. The improvements are expected to be in excess of \$70,000. Frank and Joanne Wilda, Sr. have prepared signs and put them up in the parish hall and church. Framed escape maps have been placed in the parish hall.

Parish picnic update: Preparations continue for the picnic. 45 people have signed up to help. The Girl Scouts have been contacted for setting up games. The tent and dance floor have been confirmed. Judy and Bernice will go to businesses for donations. Elaine Kokoski will take charge of the table for the sale of donated pocket books, jewelry, scarves, etc.

Formation of Parish Council Commissions/Committees: Joan will lead the Faith Formation Commission. We need a leader for the Spiritual Life Commission. Bob and Frank will consider co-leadership. The commissions will operate in conjunction with the Parish Council. At least one pastoral council member will serve on each commission. The commissions will work on the liturgy, events, prayer services, retreats, etc. and will overall be looking at what Most Holy Redeemer is doing and what we can do better. Someone will speak at Masses about the

commissions and ask for volunteers. We would like to see more functions and events on a continual basis at the parish. Joe suggested that a survey needs to be done to find out what parishioners might be looking for as some like to do movies and discussion, some just like talking and some want interactive activities. We will start with the commissions to put together committees and presentations. Our next step is to put an item in the bulletin about forming the commissions, what they will be doing and asking for volunteers.

The meeting for training will occur on May 21 and June 4 at 6 pm. Joan and Father will meet to discuss these meetings. Council members were asked to look around when attending Mass and recruit people for lectors, readings adult altar servers. Those who currently volunteer can share their experiences.

New Business

There was some discussion about updating the Website, having a Facebook page, who is currently updating the Facebook page, etc.

Joan announced there will be a special Mass on Pentecost. The Bishop is coming to celebrate a Mass for the Installation of Father Piotr on May 20 at the 10:30 AM Mass. Joan will coordinate the reception.

Other

The Diocese has prepared a general campaign letter that Father will modify to be sent to parishioners to increase their tithe. It will include a reference to the future letter to be sent about donations needed for the repairs and improvements.

The Knights of Columbus will begin using the Parish Hall for meetings in late fall.

A summary of the meeting minutes will be included in the bulletin with a referral to the website for further information.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 7pm.**