

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2018**

**In attendance:** Fr. Peter Pawlus, Sharon Andres, Bernice Baranowski, Martha Boisvert, Richard Holden, Bob Laprade, Laura Meyer, Joe Pelis, Beth Szymanski, Elaine Tudryn, Frank Wilda, Jr.

**Absent:** Marianna Hynninen, Pat Jasmin, Eileen Monopoli, Joan Smola

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**Approval of Minutes:** January 22, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Finance Committee update:**

The Finance Committee had a good meeting. Ongoing projects were discussed with an expected cost of \$200,000.00. The ongoing projects consists of (1) building and roof. The cupola is leaking, (not just the roof), and will need to be repaired or replaced; (2) receipt of the proposal from architect for handicap bathroom was received; (3) the doors will be replaced in the parish center and then the church.

They discussed the budget and approved picnic expenses. Fundraising was continued to be discussed to raise \$100,000 and the parish will match the amount. We will include the option to pledge a contribution over 3 years. Again, Father confirmed that the work will begin before the funds are raised. Do we want to advertise in the bulletin for a committee to raise funds?

A cemetery committee will be established in April and a letter will go out to all parishioners discussing the projects and including information on a direct payment plan.

The sound system was discussed and Peter is working on it. After the parish center furnace was replaced, the rectory furnace broke down and needed replacing.

We anticipate a joint meeting of Finance Committee and Parish Council in May.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee update:**

In addition to the items above, Joe has prepared an evacuation plan to be placed in the parish center. He will work with Father to determine where the fire extinguishers are located and if they require updating and inspection.

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Father Peter was unable to get the official opening date of the parish from the diocese office (we just have the year, 1998). We determined that the pot luck supper will be at the end of September or beginning of October.

## **The NE Parish Revitalization Conference**

Although several members had hoped to attend, no one was available to attend the conference.

## **Parish picnic update**

Joe will follow up with Martha for a copy of her food certification. No liquor certification is needed, just the town permits.

The parish picnic will be August 5<sup>th</sup> on the parish grounds. Food will be served beginning at noon and Eddy will be asked to play from 1 to 5.

Joe has had two meetings so far and would welcome additional volunteers.

The meetings concentrated on the menu which will be polish dishes. The committee would like to include games in the quadrangle. Parishioners will be asked to make desserts to sell, individual and whole pies, etc. He has not confirmed which company will supply the tent but the jail and the 4H tents are not certified (a state requirement) small pop up tents do not require certification.

There will be tables in the tent and outside the tent. The tent will cover the parking area.

Joe will meet with the band to confirm the outlet is sufficient.

Harry J got approval to use the court parking lot and Paragus approved using their lot for parking as well.

It was suggested that everybody on the Parish Council and Finance Committee be expected to participate in some way with the picnic.

Banners will be created that will include the business sponsors, a large banner for the church lawn and smaller banners/signs for lawns at the Hadley town lines. It was suggested that notices be sent to local churches to be included in their bulletins.

There will be raffles including a cash calendar raffle in July and we would ask that parishioners sell the raffle tickets outside the parish. Tickets will be mailed to parishioners

and available in the vestibule of the church and at the office.

### **Formation of Parish Council Commissions/Committees**

Joan was not available to lead the discussion on establishing the committees. We confirmed that each member has a copy of the handouts provided at the last meeting. Council members were asked to review the handouts and think about creating commissions/committees for discussion at our next meeting.

### **New Business**

It was determined there is not enough time to plan a St. Patrick's Day dinner this year.

Lenten Schedule is as follows:

Thursday	7:00pm	Mass will include washing of feet
Friday	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	Mass
Saturday	11:00am	Blessing of the food in the Parish Center
	8:00pm	Mass
Sunday	8:00am	Mass
	10:30am	Mass

### **Other**

The website needs to be updated and Bob offered to look at it with Father

Frank will help Father prepare the Paschal candle.

It was asked if the Stations of the Cross could be earlier, at 6 instead of 7, but Father said the attendance was good for 7 and it could be addressed for next year if necessary.

It was mentioned that the schedule for readers and altar servers for March had not been distributed yet. Father will check with Jo and Joan.

There was discussion about servers being on the schedule and serving when they are scheduled.

Father suggested a meeting and will look into training for lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers.

Father has celebrated a 7 am resurrection Mass entirely in Polish in Easthampton. Further discussion about a monthly Polish Mass will be included at our next meeting.

The Council discussed the possibility of changing the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass to 5:00 p.m. during the Spring and Summer months. We determined that parishioners should have the opportunity to vote on the change. With that in mind, we suggested the following:

1. Placing an item in the bulletin this week (March 3/4) explaining there will be a vote about the change the weekend of March 10/11;
2. Father mentioning the upcoming vote after each Mass this weekend (March 3/4);
3. Parish Council members will hand out ballots before each Mass the following weekend (March 10/11) (we will need to have pens/pencils available or place them in each pew);
4. Ballots are to be returned in the collection basket;
5. Ballots will be counted after the 10:30 Mass on March 11;
6. Results will be included in the bulletin for March 17/18.

If the parishioners vote to change the Mass time it was suggested that the change begin with daylight savings which is March 20, so the change would be effective March 24. If that is too soon, it was suggested to begin in April (perhaps April 7) and run through August (August 26).

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 19, 2018 @ 7pm.**