

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2018**

In attendance: Fr. Peter Pawlus, Sharon Andres, Bernice Baranowski, Richard Holden, Pat Jasmin, Laura Meyer, Joe Pelis, Joan Smola, Beth Szymanski, Elaine Tudryn, Frank Wilda, Jr.

Absent: Martha Boisvert, Marianna Hynninen, Kevin Jekanowski, Bob Laprade, Eileen Monopoli

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Evangelization Committee Update: No meeting to report. We are hoping to revitalize this committee.

Finance Committee update:

The revisions to the rectory are complete. The parish furnace was replaced. Prior projects are continuing. We received a proposal of +/- \$30K for the replacement of the front and rear doors of the church and parish center. We will be getting approval from the Diocese for the replacement of the roof and the bathroom renovation. The committee discussed fundraising \$200,000 for the projects which include doors, roof, sound system, and carpet. The expectation is that parishioners would provide \$100,000 and MHR to provide \$100,000. The parish cannot do fundraising during the capital campaign during lent beginning valentine's day. After Easter fundraising will begin, but work will begin before and while funds are being raised.

A new parish secretary, Josephine Polnak, was hired. She will work approximately 16 hours a week, one full day a week and 2 half days.

Buildings and Grounds Committee update:

In addition to the items above, Joe will continue to work with the Hadley Fire Chief to prepare the fire extinguisher placement/evacuation plan.

20th Anniversary Celebration

Father Peter will follow up with the diocese office for the date of the official opening of the parish. We will then need to establish a committee.

Registrations for the NE Parish Revitalization Conference

Pat Jasmin will attend the conference at least part of the day. Frank and Laura will check their schedules to try to attend the conference.

Appreciation dinner for volunteers

The appreciation dinner will be Friday, February 2. We expect 80-100 people (volunteers with spouses and parents of children who volunteer). A caterer has been hired, Smithsonian Caterers. They are charging \$18 per person with \$100 for delivery and will cook off site. It will be a buffet with haddock, chicken marsala, roasted red potatoes, vegetables, salad and rolls. There will be a chowder station at 6 pm and dinner will be served at 6:45. Frank will ask John if he will prepare the cake. We're responsible for table set up, coffee and clean up. Caterer provides paper products/utensils. Joan will check the dollar store for table clothes and cups. Set up will be 9-10 am Friday morning. Joe will get water and wine. Joan will send the invitation this week and include the invitation in the bulletin.

Parish picnic update

The parish picnic will be August 5th on the parish grounds. Bernice has stepped down as chairperson, but will continue to assist as co-chairperson. Joe will be chairperson. A committee meeting will be held next week on Tuesday January 30 to determine set up, menu, raffles, band coordination, clean up, one day liquor license, booths, bounce house, etc. Elaine will check with her brother and let Joe know about a possible second tent. Father will check with Three Rivers about the dance floor rental. We will need a group to find sponsors for raffles. We will have a sign prepared with sponsorships.

Joe will follow up with Martha about food certification. We need to have someone with a liquor certification as well.

Several volunteers will be needed to prepare pierogi and golumpkis. With the expectations of 300 people we will need at least 600 of each.

Eddie will need a dedicated 15/20 am circuit

Formation of Parish Council Commissions/Committees

Joan provided handouts to think about creating commissions/committees and to think about other people we can get involved.

Other

Father provided information concerning the Diocesan Listening Sessions held at various parishes to discuss the following:
What is the Church doing?
What is the Church doing but needs improvement?
What should the Church be doing?
Anyone interested in attending should contact Joan or Father Peter.

Joan suggested parish listening sessions. Gatherings that break down into small groups to get feedback from parishioners. Haydenville was quite successful. Laura also discussed open sessions with different segments i.e., building committee, sharing statistics,

Miscellaneous

Father Peter has been assigned as pastor of MHR for an initial six year term.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be **Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 7pm.**