

MOST HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2018

In Attendance: Father Peter Pawlus, Bernice Baranowski, Richard Holden, Joseph Pelis, Martha Boisvert, Beth Szymanski, Eileen Monopoli, Joan Smola, Pat Jasmin, Frank Wilda, Jr.

Absent: Sharon Andres, Bob Laprade, Laura Meyer.

Resignation: Marianna Hynninen

The meeting was called to order with a prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction and one typo corrected.

There was an update from the Finance Committee. There was a meeting with the architect and the plumbing inspector for the Town of Hadley. The flower room can definitely be re-purposed as a handicap accessible bathroom. There is one problem as to where the vent pipe for the plumbing is located. The side parking lot is going to be repaired before the Parish Picnic as there are hazardous areas. Bill Banack is going to get a quote from Taylor Davis. There will be a joint meeting of the Finance and Pastoral Council on June 18th from 6 to 8 p.m.

Joe Pelis advised of Veronica McQueston who resides on Rocky Hill Road and is turning 100 years of age. He was hoping we could get at least 100 birthday cards sent to her. The address will be published in the bulletin and cards could be put in the collection baskets.

The 20th Anniversary of Most Holy Redeemer will be on 4/22/2018. Father will reference this at Mass as this is a Sunday. A celebration in September (Potluck) will be held.

Joe Pelis & Bernice reported on the Parish Picnic. The use of tickets for payment for food, etc was discussed and it was felt that cash at each station was a better option. The Finance Committee will help with collecting and counting and safeguarding the money. The Girl Scouts will be contacted regarding children's activities (face painting, etc) and will be allowed to keep the money raised for the Scouts. There will be a dessert and coffee tent and alcoholic beverages will be beer and wine only. They will have sign up sheets for volunteers on the 7th and 14th of April.

Joan would like to begin the process of forming Parish Council Commissions and has volunteered to take on the Faith Formation Commission due to her experience and knowledge of RCIA. This would be a "womb to tomb" faith education. The other Commission would be the Spiritual Life which would involve the liturgy, bible readings, educating readers and Eucharistic ministers, etc. It was suggested that there be one Council member on each Commission and hopefully all age groups would be represented as the rest of the members.

Also there was interest in having a retreat at our Parish. This was tabled until the Fall.

Saturday Mass was left at 4 p.m. There were 69 votes to leave it at 4:00, 41 votes against and 2 either so Mass will stay at 4 p.m.

Father will have a Memorial Day Mass at 9 a.m.

On June 9th and 10th there will be a Missionary Nun from Africa to speak at the Masses (Sister Mary Fisher)

There will be a training session for current and new lectors and Eucharistic ministers. It will be run "in house" and will be on May 21st and June 4th at 6 p.m. and each session will last about 1 ½ hours.

Father will be on vacation from May 6th to 18th. He is going to Poland.

The support of the Food Pantry was discussed. Though this is a joint venture with the Congregational Church it was decided that our Parish would allocate up to \$100 per week to keep enough groceries on hand. Any donations would reduce our commitment.

Bernice shared a "Thank You" card she received from another Parish thanking her for a donation she & her husband made to the Church in memory of a deceased member. It was felt we could do something similar and Father informed us there are now cards in the office to send to families or individuals to let them know you are having a Mass said for their loved one.

The cross from the Cupola is going to be placed on the front of the Parish Center per Father. He also has some ideas for utilizing the old bell from Holy Rosary by making a "bell tower" beside the Church that could house the bell. There was discussion of having a fund called a "Beautification Fund" that donations in lieu of flowers could be used when people have passed away.

our next meeting will be April 16.