



Most Holy Redeemer Church Hadley, MA

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2018

Minutes

In Attendance: Fr. Piotr Pawlus, Richard Holden, Bob Laprade, Laura Meyer, Joe Pelis, Joan Smola, Beth Szymanski, Elaine Tudryn, Helen Vassallo, Lily Wallace, Frank Wilda

Absent: Martha Boisvert, Pat Jasmin, Eileen Monopoli

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer by Fr. Piotr Pawlus

Members update: Pat Jasmin will no longer be attending both the finance committee meeting and parish council meeting. Her replacement covering both meetings will be Laura Meyer. John Miller will be joining the parish council as the representative from the Knights of Columbus.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: 10/22/2018 minutes approved

Report Outs:

Finance Committee:

- Pierogi fundraiser- 150 dozen were made and sold out early.
- The Calendar fund raiser will continue.
- We have signed an agreement to buy solar from a solar farm to reduce our electricity costs for the church. Savings could be up to \$3,000 a year.
- Town of Hadley may be renting the hall for about a year as the Town Sr. Center. The timing may conflict with the church being remodeled. The rent will help offset some of our remodel costs. The diocese will assist with the contract to assure coverage of critical areas and things we may have overlooked.
- Trees have been purchased for the cemetery and will be a fund raiser to be in the name of a loved one.
- The Knights of Columbus are now part of MHR. We will look to the Knights of Columbus to assist with our fundraising. A member of the Knights of the Columbus will be joining our committees.

Buildings & Grounds Committee:

- New bathroom should be ready in 1-2 weeks
- Church roof will potentially be done this year. We have received the approval for the architect.
- Father will send the appropriate letters to get the bids approved.
- Quote outstanding for the updating the sound system

- Bids in for the remodel of the inside of the church. Eagan's Church Furnishings and Restorations will do our interior remodel, which will include some of the following
 - Redesign & build out of the alter, with an emphasis of making funeral processions easier with a casket
 - Removal of some of the wood panels to enhance and beautify the alter
 - Pews & kneelers will be refinished and re-secured to the floor
 - Current carpeting and tiles will be replaced with more modern and durable materials
 - Crucifix will be relocated
- Water proofing project to stop water getting into the basement will take place in the spring. This will also require for removal of plants and flower beds that are located close to the foundation of the buildings.

Spiritual Life:

- Lady of LaSalette trip will take place 12/15/2018
 - Cost is \$30.00 per person
 - Fr. Piotr will be joining the parishioners on the trip and will get a back priest to cover 4pm mass
 - The trip will include the bus ride to the shrine and the donation to the shrine (meals will not be covered but we will reserve tables in the café at the shrine so that everyone can sit together to share a meal).
- Additional trips and ideas are being planned for the spring
- Trip to Poland has been planned for August. Fr. Piotr will be the tour guide. Trip information posters can be found in the church.

Old Business:

Giving Tree

- The recipients of the giving tree will be the Bethlehem House, senior citizens and local families
- Giving tree will be put up for Advent and members of the parish can select a tag from the tree, purchase the items and then place them under the tree
- Fr. Piotr will make sure the gifts are distributed appropriately

Adult Formation Programs

- Introduction to the Bible will hosted by Fr. Piotr and Joan Smola on 12/4/2018 at 6:30pm in the Fr. Benoit Center.
- Advent narratives will be hosted by Fr. Piotr and Joan Smola on 12/18/2018 at 6:30pm in the Fr. Benoit Center.

Monthly BINGO

- Girl scouts may continue to host monthly bingo starting in January. The activity is "for fun" not for profit, it includes preparation, food, drink and small like prizes.

Other

- Prom for our seniors. Great turn out, very lovely evening. Many compliments for the food, which was provided by the Boisvert family. Couple of the night was Rich & Connie Holden.

New Business:

- Special Guests from MHR elementary religious education (Teacher: Peg Jekanowski; Students: Cassi & Seth)
 - The students shared with the council their faith into action project. The project is focused on “Protect our Earth”. They walked us through their project board which is in one of the religious education class rooms.
 - They requested that the church focuses on recycling
 - Their request is for the council to consider adding recycle bins to the class rooms, the Fr Benoit center and the church.
 - Council voted to support their project. They will investigate the prospect of what it will take for MHR to recycle.
- 1st of the year the Parish council meeting time will change to 6:30 pm.
- 6 students were recently confirmed at MHR. For 2019 we have 3 potential confirmation students.
- There are 6 potential couples for the sacrament of marriage at MHR.
- As we prepare for the new church liturgical year the section of the bulletin that request prayers for our soldiers will be updated. Our ask is for parishioners to submit names of those who are serving in our armed forces. We want to assure that this section of the bulletin is up to date.

Meeting concluded with a blessing by Fr. Piotr

Next Meeting:

Monday December 17th 7:00 pm Fr. Benoit Church Hall.

Meeting Minutes scribed by Laura Meyer and provided to council members 12/2/2018