



Most Holy Redeemer Church Hadley, MA

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2019

Minutes

In Attendance: Fr. Piotr Pawlus, Martha Boisvert, Bob Laprade, Laura Meyer, Joan Smola, Beth Szymanski, Helen Vassallo, Lily Wallace, Frank Wilda

Absent: Richard Holden, Joe Pelis, John Miller

Guest: Kathy Zieja (Finance Committee)

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer by Fr. Piotr Pawlus

Members update: Elaine Tudryn has stepped down from the council due to family reasons. Thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: 12/17/2018 minutes approved

Report Outs:

Finance Committee:

- Article regarding the rental of our hall by the Town of Hadley appeared in the Hampshire Gazette. Time line moved up from April to mid March
- Some trees remain for purchase for the cemetery. Knights of Columbus has purchased one.
- Cash calendar will start on Feb 1 and are available via the church office

Buildings & Grounds Committee:

- Accessible bathroom near complete. Remaining task are hanging of a mirror and the installation of the handicap accessible paddle for the door.
- Roof may possibly be done in February but pending weather conditions.
- Eagan's designs are moving along for the interior restoration. The work will be phased based on the timing of the roof. The work will not be complete by April and we need to be mindful that we have a scheduled wedding on April 28th.

Knights of Columbus:

- The Knights newest member is a member of the MHR parish.

- The Knights are working on increasing membership here at MHR as well as St. Brigid's

Spiritual Life:

- Will be hosting Mardi Gras potluck evening of March 5th at 5:30pm the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday
 - The palms from the prior Easter will be burnt to create the ashes for Wednesday masses. Palms will be collected at mass and the evening of the pot luck
 - Looking for parishioners to come and bring a food or drink donation for the potluck
 - Looking for fun ideas and things to do as a church community that evening
- Adult Formation-Bible study
 - First session was hosted on Thursday 1/24. 8 people participated in the session
 - Session is ½ video and then second half discussion and workbooks which also includes on-line access
 - Group meets 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

Old Business:

Pastoral Council Bylaws

- Briefly discussed the bylaws
 - Council should consist of 12-15 members
 - Our council is currently lean due to the loss of some members
 - Group consensus our council could use 2-3 additional members, looking for recommendations for others to join us
 - Need representation for parishioners that participate at Sunday 8am mass
- Unanimous vote for 3 year term with a limit of 2 terms
- Next meeting we will discuss the officers and any missing in key roles

Rental of the Fr. Benoit Parish Center

- Contract pending signatures from town as well as Fr. Piotr and the Bishop
- Possibly mid-March time frame for transition of the Sr. Center
- Article about the agreement appeared in the Hampshire Gazette on 1/28
- Rental will cover our costs of maintaining the parish center, insurance, cleaning, utilities, etc..

New Business:

Appreciation Dinner for MHR Volunteers

- Appreciation dinner will be hosted on Friday February 8th at 5:30 pm in the Fr. Benoit Parish Center. Council members and spouses should arrive 15-30 minutes prior to meet and greet attendees.
 - 99 e-mails were sent out to known e-mail addresses. Information was included in the church bulletin
 - 47 respondents so far to the invite with a potential head count of 100 people
 - Meal will be prepared by Smithsonian caterers
 - Meal will be the same as last years and cost is the same \$18.00 per person
 - Dessert
 - Cake will be donated by Laura & Peter Meyer

- Cookie tray will be donated by Helen Vassallo
- Drinks
 - Beer & Wine will be acquired and will be served by Joe Pelis
 - Bottled water will be donated by Bob and Molly Laprade
 - Coffee, cream & sugar will be donated and setup by Martha and John Boisvert
- Setup
 - Friday at 10:00am
 - Tables, table clothes, flowers & vases
 - Food tables
 - Attendee tables
 - Cake table
 - Coffee station
 - Soda & Water (iced down)
- Background music- soft music low in the background

Meeting concluded with a blessing by Fr. Piotr

Next Meeting:

Monday 2/25/2019 7:00 pm Fr. Benoit Church Hall. (meeting time moved to 7:00 pm)

Meeting Minutes scribed by Laura Meyer and provided to council members 1/30/2019