

**St. John Paul II Parish
Adams, MA
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
on Monday, June 25, 2018**

The Parish Council of St. John Paul II (“SJP II”) Parish met in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Monday, June 25, 2018.

Those present: Deacon Greg LaFrenniere, Kathy Luczynski (chair) (Finance), James Loughman (Secretary) (Communications), Jan Rogge and Louise Charron (Family Life), Chris Milesi and Barbara Wisniowski (Hospitality), Lawrence Clairmont (Property), Barbara Armata (Spiritual Life) and Deborah Wooley (Finance).

One other individual was also present.

Deacon Greg gave an opening prayer, and Kathy called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Jim noted that the minutes of our last meeting on January 22, 2018 had already been approved via email and were online on the Parish website and that our April 23, 2018 meeting had been cancelled.

Fundraisers and Events

Spring Pilgrimage: Larry reported our Parish’s Spring Pilgrimage to a presentation on the Life of Jesus at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on April 26-27, 2018 was a success, with 37 people attending.

Calendar Raffle: Kathy noted that the Calendar Raffle fundraiser had netted \$5,668.50 for our Parish.

Parish Picnic: Our Parish will hold a Polish Picnic at the Polanka Grounds on Mill Street on Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Eddie Forman Orchestra (“EFO”) will perform polkas both for the picnic itself and for a Polka Mass which will take place at 10:00 a.m. that morning.

The usual Sunday Mass schedule will be altered that weekend, with the 8:00 a.m. Mass to be held at Notre Dame (rather than St. Stanislaus Kostka) Church and the 10:00 (rather than 10:15) a.m. Mass to be held at St. Stanislaus Kostka (rather than Notre Dame) Church.

The group organizing the picnic is still looking for volunteers.

Also, there will be a clean up meeting to prepare the Polanka Grounds for the picnic, to be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 9:00 am.

Parish Tag Sale: Our Parish will hold its annual Tag Sale fundraiser at the Notre Dame School on Friday and Saturday, August 10-11, 2018.

The group organizing the tag sale is still looking for volunteers.

September Mission: Our Parish's fourth annual Fall Mission will take place during September of 2018. Fr. Steve has three potential candidates in mind to serve as the speaker. He would like the Mission to focus on the spiritual dimensions of service, and use it to spur greater grass roots participation by our participation. His hope is to follow the Mission with three or four weeks of weekly homilies to encourage volunteerism, followed by a Ministry Fair to recruit new members to our various Parish Committees and related organizations.

Fall Fest: Our Parish will hold its annual Fall Fest fundraiser at the Notre Dame School on Sunday, October 7, 2018.

The group organizing the Fall Fest is still looking for volunteers.

Christmas Wreaths: Our Parish's Christmas Wreath sale fundraiser will begin right after Thanksgiving and continue through Christmastime.

Committee Updates

Family Life: Jan mentioned that the Family Life Committee, which organizes the children's events at the Parish Picnic, has limited storage space in the St. Stanislaus Kostka church basement for the equipment that it uses to hold those events. She inquired about the possibility of installing shelving in that storage space to increase the usable storage capacity.

Jan added that the Family Life Committee is continuing to send out greeting cards to new parishioners as well as those who have had a recent baptism or funeral in the family.

Property Committee: Larry referred to the article which recently appeared in the Parish bulletin about the required St. Stanislaus Kostka church steeple repairs.

Larry said the information which appeared in that article was forwarded to the Diocese, and the Diocesan Property Committee will be meeting on July 2, 2018 to recommend the steps and contractors required to diagnose the problem and propose a solution.

Larry added that the Manor is currently booked until mid-September.

Hospitality Committee: Chris and Barbara announced that the Hospitality Committee had hosted coffee socials in Kolbe Hall on March 4, April 8 and May 27, 2018.

They added that a fourth such social, recently scheduled to be held outside Notre Dame church, had to be postponed to July 7, 2018 due to the weather.

Communications Committee: Jim said the Communications Committee's efforts to publicize the Parish Picnic on July 29, 2018 were already well underway.

Jim added that the Communications Committee's next major project will be to publicize the September Mission, once the details regarding that event have been settled.

Spiritual Life: Barbara stated the Spiritual Life Committee is also awaiting information about the September Mission so that it can help organize that event.

Financial Update

Finance Committee: Deborah distributed the financial report for FY 2018's third quarter (i.e., January through March 2018), which will appear in the Parish bulletin in July.

The Finance Committee will meet in July to prepare both our Parish's financial report for FY 2018's fourth quarter (i.e., April through June 2018) as well as its annual report.

In addition, the Finance Committee will be working on preparing our Parish's budget for FY 2019 over the summer.

New Business

Listening Sessions: Chris and Larry reported on their experience at the Diocesan Listening Sessions which they attended at St. Joseph's Church in Pittsfield this past March.

Deacon Greg added his observations about the followup session which he attended in Springfield earlier in June.

Next Meeting: Our next Parish Council meeting will take place in Kolbe Hall on a date which is still to be determined in September 2018.

Deacon Greg offered the closing prayer. The meeting then adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Loughman (Secretary)