

**St. John Paul II Parish
Adams, MA
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
on Monday, April 22, 2019**

The Parish Council of St. John Paul II (“SJP II”) Parish met in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Monday, April 22, 2019.

Those present: Fr. Steven Montesanti, Kathy Luczynski (chair) (Finance), James Loughman (Secretary) (Communications), Chris Milesi and Barbara Wisniowski (Hospitality), Lawrence Clairmont (Property) and Barbara Armata (Spiritual Life). .

Also present: Richard Wisniowski

Fr. Steve gave an opening prayer, and then Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Jim noted that the minutes of our last meeting on September 24, 2018 had already been approved via email and were online on the Parish website.

Fundraisers/Events

Volunteer Fair: Kathy reported that the Volunteer Fair which was held in Kolbe Hall on November 5, 2018 was a success, and that 68 new individuals volunteered for positions with our Parish’s various organizations. Another Volunteer Fair is scheduled for September 9, 2019.

Cash Calendar: Kathy mentioned that our Parish’s cash calendar sale raised \$5,700 in gross revenues (i.e. before payout to the winning calendar holders).

Polka Picnic: Barb said that preparations for our Parish Polka Picnic (featuring the Rymanowski Brothers Band) at the Polanka grounds on Mill Street on Sunday, July 28, 2019 are rolling along. Jim added that flyers for the event have been printed and distributed, and the posters for it will be printed shortly.

Other Ideas: Kathy mentioned that the suggestion box at the Volunteer Fair this past November resulted in five or six promising fundraising ideas, including a ziti dinner and a golf tournament. The only problem in implementing these ideas would be securing enough volunteers to organize them.

After discussion, it was decided to table the foregoing ideas for now, in order to avoid “compassion fatigue” among our Parishioners, given the number of Parish projects that are currently ongoing. However, it might make sense to specifically target our efforts to recruit volunteers to organize these events at our next Volunteer Fair.

Financial Update

FY 2019 Q3: Kathy reviewed the Finance Committee’s report regarding our Parish’s finances for the third quarter of FY 2019. She noted our operating account is down by about \$23,000 while our special fundraising account is up by about \$25,000 from this time last year.

Unfortunately, collections are down 1% from last year, and 6% below budget.

Furthermore, so far the search for a new tenant for the Notre Dame school building has not been productive. Until the last tenant moved out, the rental of that building raised about \$30,000 per year for our Parish, which was used to retire a loan from the Diocese to pay for the replacement of certain boilers.

Moreover, this past winter's snow removal and heating costs were higher than budgeted.

SSK Steeple Repair: The special collection to pay for an engineering assessment for the repair of the St. Stanislaus Kostka church steeples has been quite promising. So far it has raised \$22,000 of the \$40,000 budgeted for those costs.

Next Meeting: Our next Parish Council meeting will take place in Kolbe Hall on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Larry offered the closing prayer. The meeting then adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Loughman (Secretary)