

**St. John Paul II Parish
Adams, MA
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
on Monday, June 24, 2019**

The Parish Council of St. John Paul II ("SJP II") Parish met in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Those present: Kathy Luczynski (chair) (Finance), James Loughman (Secretary) (Communications), Chris Milesi and Barbara Wisniowski (Hospitality), Jan Rogge (Family Life) and Barbara Armata (Spiritual Life).

Also present: Richard Wisniowski

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

Jim noted that the minutes of our last meeting on April 22, 2019 had already been approved via email and were online on the Parish website.

Fundraisers/Events

Volunteer Fair: Kathy noted a Volunteer Fair is scheduled to take place in Kolbe Hall on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. It will be in lieu of a Fall Mission this year.

Polka Picnic: Our Parish will be holding a Polka Picnic (featuring the Rymanowski Brothers Band) at the Polanka grounds on Mill Street on Sunday, July 28, 2019. Volunteers are needed, both for a clean up work bee on July 20-21, 2019, and for the event itself.

Tag Sale: Our Parish will be holding a Tag Sale at the Notre Dame School basement on August 9-10, 2019.

Financial Update

FY 2019 Q4: Kathy reviewed the Finance Committee's report regarding our Parish's finances for the first two months of the fourth quarter of FY 2019. Since this time last year:

(a) The balance of our Parish's regular operating account is down about \$17,000, but our special fundraising account has increased by approximately \$25,000.

(b) Our Parish has \$16,000 in accounts payable (i.e., unpaid bills), due largely to a Diocesan assessment which has increased substantially and our Parish has questioned.

(c) Revenues are down \$60,000. This is partly due to decreases in both collections (\$4,000) and fundraising (\$5,000), but mainly to the loss of rental income from the Notre Dame School since the loss of the last tenant. Kathy noted there are some candidates who have expressed interest in renting the school building, and discussions with them are underway.

(d) Excluding capital improvement costs, our Parish has incurred \$10,688 less in expenses, thus showing that we are working to contain costs.

(e) So far, our Parish has raised about \$31,000 of the \$40,000 required for an engineering study of the problems with the St. Stanislaus Kostka church steeple.

The Finance Committee will meet in July to finalize the figures for the fourth quarter of FY 2019 (which ends June 30th) and start preparing a budget for FY 2020.

The financial report for FY 2019 should appear in the Parish bulletin in August.

Property Committee

Kathy passed along a note from the Property Committee that St. Stanislaus Kostka church's chandeliers will be cleaned in July, thanks to a recent anonymous donation.

Mass this Saturday: Due to the Solid Sound Concert at Mass MoCA in North Adams this coming Saturday, there will be insufficient parking for St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish's 4:00 p.m. Mass that evening. As a result, our Parish has agreed to allow St. Elizabeth to hold their 4:00 p.m. Mass that day at St. Stanislaus Kostka church.

Icon: Dick mentioned that the Knights of Columbus have arranged for an icon related to Our Lady of Help to Persecuted Christians to be displayed at all three weekend Masses in our Parish on July 6-7, 2019. .

Next Meeting: Our next Parish Council meeting will take place in Kolbe Hall on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

As for the remaining Parish Council meetings to take place between September 2019 and June 2020, that will be scheduled pursuant to email exchanges among the Parish Council members over this summer.

Jim moved to adjourn; Chris seconded the motion; and it passed. The meeting then adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Loughman (Secretary)