

**St. John Paul II Parish
Adams, MA
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
on Monday, September 16, 2019**

The Parish Council of St. John Paul II (“SJP II”) Parish met in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Monday, September 26, 2019.

Those present: Fr. Steven Montesanti; Deacon Greg Lafrenniere; Kathy Luczynski (chair) (Finance), James Loughman (Secretary) (Communications), Jan Rogge (Family Life), Chris Milesi and Barbara Wisniowski (Hospitality), Lawrence Clairmont (Property), Barbara Armata and Mary Whitman (Spiritual Life), and Deborah Wooley (Finance).

Also present: Richard Wisniowski

Fr. Steve gave an opening prayer.

Then Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Jim noted that the minutes of our last meeting on June 24, 2019 had already been approved via email and were online on the Parish website.

Fundraisers/Events

Volunteer Fair: Kathy noted that, over the summer, it was decided to postpone the Volunteer Fair which had been set to take place in Kolbe Hall on Monday, September 9, 2019. After discussion, it was decided to reschedule the event to Monday, September 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Kathy will see that an appropriate announcement goes out in the parish bulletin.

Polka Picnic: Kathy reported that our Parish’s Polka Picnic, at the Polanka grounds on Mill Street on July 28, 2019, raised \$6,200 in revenue.

In a related vein, Mary said that Take and Eat (the local meals ministry) would be holding a safe serve training session from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2019 in Northampton, with a subsequent test on Saturday, November 2, 2019. The cost to enroll is \$150, and the deadline to sign up is by October 16, 2019.

Fortunately, at the moment, our Parish has four or five parishioners with safe serve certification who are associated with the Polka Picnic and similar Parish activities.

Tag Sale: Kathy reported that our Parish Tag Sale, at the Notre Dame School basement on August 9-10, 2019, raised \$10,500 in revenue.

Fall Fest: Our next Parish fundraiser will be Fall Fest, held in the Notre Dame School building on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Financial Update

FY 2019 Annual Report: Deborah circulated copies of our Parish's annual financial report for FY 2019, and reviewed it with the Parish Council. Overall the information reflected in it was encouraging, except that the amount of income is down somewhat due to the lack of rental income from the Notre Dame School building since the Berkshire Dance Theater's lease expired.

Jim asked how the Parish's efforts to find a new tenant for the Notre Dame School building were progressing, to which Fr. Steve responded that, so far, no plausible candidates had been identified.

FY 2020 Budget: Kathy reported the FY 2020 budget for our Parish has been adopted. In order to be more conservative in its estimates than the last few years, the Finance Committee was projecting an estimated deficit (between expenses and income) of \$24,500, attributable mainly to attrition (i.e., the number of deaths exceeding the number of new parishioners). Kathy noted that the budget was just an estimate, and will be adjusted based on real world experience over the course of the fiscal year.

Jim asked about the effect of the recent yoking of our Parish with St. Mary's in Cheshire. Fr. Steve indicated there would almost certainly be some savings for both parishes as a result of that change. However, the Parish is still awaiting information from the Diocese about what those savings are ultimately likely to be. As a result, those projected savings have not yet been factored into the FY 2020 budget.

SSK Steeple: Larry noted our Parish has raised nearly all of the \$40,000 budgeted for the engineering study required as a precondition to repairs to the St. Stanislaus Kostka steeple, with the Memorial Fund available to cover some or all of the difference.

Larry added that twelve requests for proposals had been sent out, and members of the Property Committee had met with the first of the engineering firms earlier today.

Committee Updates

Communications Committee: Jim circulated copies of the proposed Parish calendar for October 2019. Barb requested a line be added to the entry for October 31, 2019 to reflect that the Mass held at 7:00 p.m. that evening would be a Mass of Remembrance.

Hospitality Committee: Chris noted that the Hospitality Committee would be holding a coffee social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 29, 2019.

New Business

Yoking with St. Mary's: Our Parish has been yoked with St. Mary's in Cheshire since August 31, 2019, with Fr. Steve to serve as the pastor for both parishes.

Bishop's Visit: Bishop Mitchell Rozanski will be visiting our Parish on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. He will celebrate Mass at Notre Dame Church at 8:30 a.m., and making himself available to meet with parishioners during the rest of the day. At 6:00 p.m., he will be having dinner at the Manor with members of the Parish Council and Finance Committee.

Eucharistic Minister Training: There will be a mandatory Eucharistic minister training session in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meeting: The Parish Council has tentatively set its meeting schedule for the coming year as follows:

- (1) Monday, January 27, 2020;
- (2) Monday, April 27, 2020; and
- (3) Monday, June 15, 2020.

All of these meetings are to be held in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Initially, the Parish Council had also planned to meet on October 28, 2019. However, after further discussion between Fr. Steve and Kathy following tonight's meeting, it was decided that the October meeting would not be necessary, given its proximity in time to this evening's meeting. Instead, the Finance Committee will simply forward the financial information for the Parish to the Parish Council at that time.

Fr. Steve gave the closing prayer.

Jim moved to adjourn; Larry seconded the motion; and it passed. The meeting then adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Loughman (Secretary)