

St. Rose of Lima Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2015 7:00pm

**Council Members Present:** Msgr. Michael Reed, Bill Gibson, Steve Rhodes, Noelle Bradberry, Audrey Gibson, Kate Lewis, Joe Courey, Jan Shiplett, Vic Vangrowski, and Molly Leonard.

**Finance Council Representative:** Dawn Gagnon

**Guests Present:** Richard Collins

Msgr. Reed opened the meeting in prayer.

Finance Council:

- Dawn Gagnon announced that all bills have been paid for the renovations toward the new education building.
- At the time of the meeting, a total of \$219,304.33 reflected an amount currently located within the building fund savings account. The Parish primary savings account reflected a total of \$177,594.14. The total amount of all savings reflected an amount of \$396,898.47.
- Msgr. Reed provided a follow up report on the CAVAN Offertory Giving Program. A letter will be sent to all parishioners within a week's time. It has been observed that the second collections are seeing larger contributions than the Parish collection. Second collections are dispersed in fullness to charities around the nation and do not stay at the parish. Dawn Gagnon will provide a list of charities that are receiving our parish donations.

Parish Business:

- Joe Courey and Kate Lewis will meet with Bill Gibson to further review potential candidates for the Parish elections. Potential candidates will be contacted to see if they are interested in running for a council seat and will be placed on the ballot if interested in running.
- The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> after the 4PM evening Mass on the festival grounds. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided along with hot chocolate and other beverages. There will be entertainment provided by the Little Variety Band and Don Tomer along with a Nativity Play.
- All in attendance were in agreement that this year's Fall Festival was extremely successful. Next year the Parish will celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival. Audrey Gibson explained that the Fall Festival Committee would like to see the booths painted and are asking for \$12,000 to cover repairs to the festival grounds such as removing wood rot. Vic Vangrowski will be donating an additional refrigerator. Kate Lewis and Audrey Gibson will explore the option of bringing in the Humane Society for next year's event. It must be approved by the Diocese before moving forward.

- Msgr. Reed noted that the first floor bathroom of the education building has been completed. Additionally the playground is directly accessible by the nursery, kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms. Other completed projects include the fencing in of the playground along with the remodel of the nursery.
- In order to better serve the parishioners, Msgr. Reed proposed a new church walkway from the church to the parking lot on the south side entrance ultimately providing coverage during changes in weather. Plans provided were created by Danny Grundhoefer. Council members in attendance favored a walkway that would resemble the current church design and would lead from the front door to the handicapped spaces. All materials used would be steel material that would be able to withstand high winds and other various harsh weather conditions. The Council agreed to bring the walkway before the congregation for a vote to gain insight as to whether or not to move forward with the plan. The information will be provided as an addendum to the Parish Council ballot.
- Currently in contact with Concrete Cowboys in regards to creating a ramp on the north side of the church by removing the curb. The Parish Council is recommending changes to both the north and the east entrances.

New Business:

- The Great Bible Adventure series for adults had 220 registrants at the time of the meeting. The program will be offered 4 times during the week on Sunday and Tuesday mornings and again on Monday and Thursday evenings. This series will cover all 73 books of the bible over a period of 23 weeks.
- Richard Collins noted that he has been in touch with the Milton Community Center to provide a Christmas Day lunch for seniors.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2015.

Msgr. Reed closed the meeting in prayer.

Submitted for approval by: Noelle Bradberry, Secretary