MINUTES

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2016

Magdalene Howell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the class room conference room. Cheryl Davis opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting were approved.

**In Attendance**:

**Council Members:** Mary Ann Cronin, Rita Guest, Mark Molnar, Tom Trudeau, Magdalene Howell, Cheryl Davis and Chriss Lawrence.

**Ex-Officio Member:** Father Jim

**Old Business:**

**Bingo update:** Father Jim reported the exhaust fan has been repaired and is up and running. Volunteers are still needed to help in the kitchen and on the floor.

**Visiting Singer**: The performing artist, Nancy Scimone, did a beautiful job presenting the Life of Saint Faustina. Approximately 90 people attended the drama and reception which followed. Father Jim paid the $550 cost and $440 was collected from the free-will offering.

**Statue of St. Therese**: A contract has been signed for the five foot statue. It will be carved in Italy and placed on a two foot pedestal in the commons area hopefully sometime in September in time for the celebration of St. Therese in October. Benny Leigh is making the pedestal which will have the quote by St. Therese etched on it. Donations of $9,000 have been made by two parishioners and we are soliciting addition donations to cover the balance. The total cost is $14,500.

**Lighting for social hall**: Mary Ann reported from Mike Foster that the new LED lights in the hall will be dropped down from the ceiling. They will all be on toggle switches which will give more lighting options in addition to dimming capabilities. The overhead fans in the church will be removed.

**Family Life Ministry Highlight:** This item is on hold. Magdalene will contact Dedee Rice for the presentation.

**Finance Council:** The Finance Council will meet April 12th and bring the budget to the Parish Council meeting on May 4th for review. It is due to the Bishop by May 15th.

**Parish Council Elections:** Mary Ann Cronin reported that the box is working and we have received several nominations. She has been able to reach nearly everyone and most have filled out the application form. She will continue to try to reach the rest. Elections will be April 23rd and 24th.

**Parish Directory**: Rita called about 20 places for the new parish directory. The last one was the most helpful. She and Magdalene met with Steve Lanning of Bluewater Publishing in Gloucester. They would maintain and host the directory on line, no one could edit the information but them. There is no cost for the online directory. It would be pass worded and they can set it up that an icon from our church website would connect to the directory. St. Therese owns the copy rights. We would have to set up the sign-up sheets for parishioners appointments. They would come to the church to take the pictures, they can also include the church history, videos and any special event pictures we have. We decide the dates and location for lighting. It would take about 15 minutes per family for about 250 families. There is no sitting fee and can be updated as necessary, it was suggested quarterly. If someone wanted a hard copy of the book it could be purchased individually. Costs will be discussed at the next meeting, depending on the pages and type of book, anywhere from $3 to $20. We would also like to include a section in the back for parishioner’s businesses, which would defray the cost of a hard copy of the directory. They figured we could wrap it up by mid to late October and have on-line directory and books available by late November or mid-December. They would be willing to come to the Parish Council meeting to present to all of us and answer any other questions. Tom asked what the cost of the server was; as the Knights pay $275/year. We were told they would take care of that the first two years and there would be a cost after that. They have done a church directory in the past, but not locally. When pictures are done, we’ll be notified to view them on line, choose the print wanted for the directory and purchase individually if wanted. There is no pressure to buy anything.

**New Business**:

**Peace and Justice Committee:** Father Jim spoke with Dedee Rice, they have been active with the Appalachian project, Earth Day and Prisons.

**Chestnut Tree:** Magdalene reported that a new chestnut tree was planted and is blooming. All the leaflets are gone, they should be returned after the tree tour.

**Concrete slab for the “pavilion”**: Tom brought up that we would like to see a roof over the concrete slab so we can get more use of that area for all ministries in the parish. All were in agreement. Tom will get with Father Jim, Mike and Dave Espiritu or Ed Monfalcone on this.

**Other Business:** Rita suggested a quilt raffle to raise money if anyone was into quilting, or use for a door prize. May 29th at 4:00 p.m. is the “Teaching Mass”.

**Next Meeting**: The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. Chriss volunteered to do the opening prayer.

**Closing**: Rita led us in a closing prayer, Magdalene adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mary Ann volunteered to do the closing prayer at the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Chriss Lawrence, Secretary