

**St. John Paul II Parish
Adams, MA**
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
on Monday, October 23, 2017

The Parish Council of St. John Paul II (“SJP II”) Parish met in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Monday, October 23, 2017.

Those present: Fr. Steven Montesanti (arrived 7:13 p.m.), Deacon Gregory LaFreniere, Kathleen Luczynski (Chair) (Finance) and James Loughman (Secretary) (Communications), Jan Rogge and Louise Charron (Family Life), Barbara Wisniowski (Hospitality), Lawrence Clairmont (Property), Barbara Armata and Mary Whitman (Spiritual Life).

One other individual was also present.

Deacon Greg gave an opening prayer, then Kathy called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

September Mission: Our Parish’s third annual Fall Mission on September 24-26, 2017, presented by Dominican Fr. William Garrott, was both well attended and well received.

The Spiritual Life Committee is also searching for possible presenters for next year.

It was also noted that some parishioners were disappointed that Fr. Garrott, who heard confessions following each night of the Mission, was unable to attend the social that was held on the last night of the Mission. Accordingly, it was agreed that, in the future, the social should be scheduled so that it does not conflict with confession.

Fall Fest: Kathy announced that the Fall Fest, which was held at Notre Dame School on October 7-8, 2017, raised \$24,963 in net revenue.

Spring Pilgrimage: This year, our Parish’s upcoming Spring Pilgrimage will be to a presentation on the Life of Jesus at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Our Parish’s bus will leave Adams on Thursday, April 26, 2018 and will return the following evening. The goal is for approximately 45 parishioners to attend. So far, 32 have signed up.

CCD Program: Jan reported the CCD program will be organizing its own Halloween event this year, so the Family Life Committee’s assistance in doing so will not be required.

Jan also reported that the CCD program will be working in conjunction with the Family Life Committee in connection with the latter’s Poinsettia Program, pursuant to which poinsettias are distributed to parishioners who are homebound, shut-ins and/or in local nursing homes.

Barb Armata added that the Spiritual Life Committee will be coordinating with the CCD program regarding the scheduling for the sacramental events such as First Communion, etc.

Finance Committee: Kathy distributed the financial report for FY 2018’s first quarter (i.e., July through September 2017). Based upon the figures therein:

- (a) Kathy expressed some concern that weekly collections are down somewhat, both from last year and the amounts budgeted for the current fiscal year. This may be attributable in part to the unusual number of second collections which have been taken during the past several consecutive weeks (e.g., due to three hurricanes in the Gulf, etc.)
- (b) Rental income from the Manor is also down slightly.
- (c) Special fundraising (e.g., the Parish Tag Sale and Fall Fest) has partially offset the foregoing shortfalls, at least in the short-term.
- (d) On the expense side, capital items and extraordinary repair and maintenance costs account for most of the unexpected expenses that our Parish has had to incur.
- (e) On a happier note, the Notre Dame school oil tank has been removed, and a recent fundraising campaign has succeeded in raising all the money required to replace the boiler at St. Stanislaus Kostka church, with any “excess” to be deposited in the Memorial Fund for that building.

November Calendars: Jim distributed the proposed Parish calendars for November, and asked that anyone with suggested edits or additions contact Mary Jette as soon as possible.

Christmas Schedule: Barb Armata described the proposed schedule for services during the upcoming Christmas/New Year holidays (which are slightly unusual because Christmas happens to fall on a Monday this year).

Next Meeting: Our next Parish Council meeting will take place in Kolbe Hall on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Montesanti offered the closing prayer.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Loughman (Secretary)