

**St. John Paul II Parish
Adams, MA
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
on Monday, January 30, 2017
(rescheduled from January 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 24, 2016.

Those present: Fr. Robert Miskell (filling in for Fr. Steven Montesanti), Deacon Gregory LaFreniere, Kathleen Luczynski (Chair) (Finance) and James Loughman (Secretary) (Communications), Janet Rogge and Louise Charron (Family Life), Christine Milesi and Barbara Wisniowski (Hospitality), Lawrence Clairmont (Property), Barbara Armata (Spiritual Life), Steven Melito (CCD Director) and Timothy Rougeau (Music Director).

In addition, three other individuals also attended the meeting.

Fr. Miskell gave an opening prayer, and Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: Jim submitted the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, which was held on October 24, 2016. Larry moved to accept the minutes as presented, Barb Armata seconded the motion; and it passed.

Jim suggested that, in light of the fact the Parish Council meets quarterly now, it would be helpful if, going forward, the Parish Council members could approve the minutes via email so that the accepted minutes may be posted in a timely manner on the Parish website.

Polka Mass: As noted in the last minutes, the Polka Mass which had been scheduled for Sunday, April 2, 2017 was cancelled the day after the last Parish Council meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Kathy noted that this experience stresses the need to have similar events approved by the Parish Office before committing to them.

Lenten Retreat: Fr. Miskell said he will present a Lenten Retreat during Passion Week (i.e., April 2-8, 2017) although the details for it still remain to be determined at this time.

Easter Services: Barb Armata announced the following schedule for Easter services from April 12 through April 23, 2017:

- Wednesday, April 12: (a) Divine Mercy Chaplet at Notre Dame after 8:30 a.m. Mass,
(b) Gorske Zale (Lamentations) at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 6 p.m.;
- Thursday, April 13: (a) Holy Thursday Mass at Notre Dame at 7 p.m.,
(b) Adoration to follow at St. Stanislaus Kostka until 10 p.m.;
- Friday, April 14: (a) Stations of the Cross at Notre Dame at 2:15 p.m.;
(b) Divine Mercy Novena at Notre Dame at 3 p.m.;
(c) Good Friday Service at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 7 p.m.;

- Saturday, April 15: (a) Blessing of Food at SSK School cafeteria at 9 a.m.;
 (b) Veneration of the Cross at St. Stanislaus Kostka (all day);
 (b) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
 (c) Vigil Mass at Notre Dame at 8 p.m.;
- Sunday, April 16: (a) Easter Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 8 a.m.;
 (b) Easter Mass at Notre Dame at 10:15 a.m.;
 (c) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
- Monday, April 17: (a) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
- Tuesday, April 18: (a) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, April 19: (a) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
- Thursday, April 20: (a) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
- Friday, April 21: (a) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
- Saturday, April 22: (a) Divine Mercy Novena at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.;
- Sunday, April 23: (a) Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Stanislaus Kostka at 3 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Quebec: Larry announced the successful kickoff of publicity for our Parish's bus pilgrimage to Quebec during April 24-27, 2017. At least 30 attendees are needed to make the trip economically viable. So far, 13 individuals have signed up for it.

5th Anniversary: The Hospitality Committee is planning a spaghetti supper to be held in Kolbe Hall following the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 1, 2017 to mark the 5th anniversary of the reopening of St. Stanislaus Kostka church and the reunification of our Parish.

Tickets for this event will be sold in advance. The cost will be \$7/person for adults, and \$6 for seniors and children 12 and under.

Volunteers are required both as cooks/servers and to bake for the event. If interested in volunteering, please call Chris at Milesi at (413) 743-3680.

It was suggested the Hospitality Committee might wish to contact Boy Scout Troop 38 for help. Steve Melito also said he would see if any Confirmation students would be available to do so as part of the "service" portion of their Confirmation requirements.

Parish Picnic: Jan reported the Parish Picnic Committee recently met to plan for our Parish picnic at the Polanka Pavilion on Sunday, July 30, 2017.

Pat Clermont has agreed to serve as the Safe-Serve coordinator.

Volunteers are still desperately needed for the picnic. In addition, canopies are also required for the event. If anyone can donate some, or provide suggestions where to obtain some, please call Jan Rogge at (413) 743-2732.

September Mission: Our Parish will hold its third annual September Mission this year. Ideas for possible speakers were discussed, but none were forthcoming. It was agreed that this sort of decision was best left to Fr. Montesanti.

Cash Calendars: Kathy passed along that Diane Wyman has organized another cash calendar drive, which will begin in late February, with the drawings to take places in April.

CCD Guest Speakers: Steve Melito passed around a sign-up sheet for Parish Council members to serve as guest speakers for the CCD program in the Notre Dame School building on Sundays at 9 a.m. from February 12th through early May. The idea is for each Parish Council member to speak on one Sunday apiece.

Finance Committee: Kathy submitted a copy of the Parish financial report for the latest quarter (October through December) of this fiscal year (FY 2017) as compared to last (FY 2016).

The report reflected a substantial cash influx due to the sale of the stained glass windows from St. Thomas Aquinas as well as the bells from both St. Thomas Aquinas and Notre Dame. In addition, our Parish's liabilities have significantly decreased, our collections remain stable, and our fundraising has increased relative to the last fiscal year.

Our Parish is now keeping up with its Diocesan assessments.

Moreover, the special collection for stained glass window repairs raised approximately \$25,000, or about \$10,000 more than amount initially sought, thus permitting an expansion of the work contemplated: i.e., we can now repair more windows than originally planned.

Volunteer Fair: Our Parish needs to recruit more volunteers to serve not only on our Parish Council and its various Standing Committees, but a variety of other parish organizations.

Accordingly, it was agreed that a Volunteer Fair should be held at which representatives of the various parish organizations may meet with parishioners and answer their questions about how to volunteer. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that:

(1) The Volunteer Fair should take place after each Mass on the weekend of May 20-21.

(2) The sessions following the Masses at Notre Dame should be held in a tent outside that church, while the one following the Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka should be held in Kolbe Hall.

(3) To make the event more congenial for potential volunteers, the Hospitality Committee will also hold a social at the same place and time as each session.

Kathy distributed copies of our current Parish brochure and solicited comments for how to best update it, with a view to making the updated brochure available at the Volunteer Fair.

Next Meeting: After discussion, it was agreed that our next Parish Council meeting in Kolbe Hall (previously scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2017) should be rescheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to avoid a schedule conflict with the Pilgrimage to Quebec.

However, the following meeting, scheduled to take place on Monday, June 26, 2017, is still planned to take place on that date as previously announced.

Deacon Greg offered the closing prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James Loughman (Secretary)