

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
March 24, 2008

Members Present: Fr. Art, Jan Bencic, Margaret Pedro, Fran Matla, Laurie Laycock, Mike Shultz, Linda Giambrone, Rose Mead, Judy Boyle, Mike Kowalczyk, Bob Funke, and Megan Nixon. Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by President Laurie Laycock. Opening prayer led by Margaret Pedro. All in attendance reviewed minutes from the February 18, 2008 meeting. Motion to accept made by Mike Shultz and seconded by Bob Funke. Motion carried.

~Parish Business~

(Easter) Fr. Art was very thankful for all that everyone did to make Holy Week run so smoothly. He would like the parish to purchase candles with the clear plastic cup holders for the Easter Vigil next year. (There was a lot of wax that dripped onto the pews and made for extra cleanup). Comments from those who attended the Triduum were very favorable.

(Transition Mass) All is “on track” for the Masses on Sunday, Mar. 30th. The carrier for the statue of St. Patrick was completed and the pushcart for the statue of St. Cecilia was delivered. The Transition Committee said that 170+ people signed up to attend the Mass/Reception. Any food leftovers will be donated to St. Stephen’s Table in Batavia.

(Yard Sale) Annette Pfalzer wants to speak to the Men’s Fellowship and Altar & Rosary Society members about the plans for the Yard Sale. Laurie Laycock will contact Annette with the dates of the April meetings for both groups. Father said that there have been no big fundraisers for our parish lately. All agreed that the decision to possibly do a bake sale and chicken BBQ in conjunction with the Yard Sale should be determined by Annette and Frank who are chairing this project. Mike Kowalczyk asked if anyone checked with the Village of Oakfield to advertise the Yard Sale on the community bulletin board in Triangle Park. He will call Joyce Grazioplene to see what is needed.

~Miscellaneous~

(Weekly Collection) Bob Funke asked about the negative figure that appears in the bulletin for the weekly collection and is it necessary to dip into the savings account every month. Fr. Art said that some parishioners give a monthly donation (usually at the beginning of the month) and that is why we are in the plus column that week. So far we have not had to withdraw from the savings account as we are “even” at the end of the month. That is not to say that this pattern will continue. This will be addressed at the next Finance Council meeting to perhaps make a plea to the parishioners to increase their offerings.

(Sign-up Sheets) There were too many sign-up sheets in the foyer and it led to confusion. Some of the sheets did not have any names written in, the ministry schedule for the month of April, in particular.

(Youth Minister Leader) Rose Mead suggested that a person be hired to serve all of the Vicariate. Fr. Art said that once the priests of the Vicariate for our district meet again, he will ask.

(Socials After Masses) Mike Kowalczyk asked if socials were to be planned after both Masses every week. Fr. Art said that he would like to see it rotate. Jan Goodenbery has a team ready to go. Mike would like to see various groups support the socials. Megan Nixon said to be careful that the socials do not interfere with Faith Formation classes during the school year. It was suggested that this be put on hold until the Maciag Family returns to discuss this further.

~Laurie Laycock (Parish Survey)~the review of comments was tabled until our next meeting.

~Committee Reports~

-Altar & Rosary Society- Fran Matla reports that the next scheduled Bake Sale will be May 16th. In the future, we need to be sure that our Lenten Retreat and the Penance Service are on different dates.

-Men’s Fellowship-Mike Kowalczyk reports that the Fellowship sponsored a Sabres Hockey Game Night at St. Cecilia’s on 02/23/08. Ticket sales to go to the Rochester Amerks game on 3/28/08 going slow. We would like to hold a chicken BBQ on 5/17/08.

-Faith Formation & Youth-Megan Nixon reports that Sunday FF classes for the year are over. The 2nd graders celebrated their First Reconciliation on 3/12 with many parishioners present. First Communion will be on May 4th at the 11 AM Mass. On May 11th we will recognize the Confirmation Candidates at St. Cecilia’s before they travel to the Cathedral on May 25th for the Sacrament. She will be looking for catechists and aides to teach next year after May 7th.

Lay Vicariate-Rose Mead reports she and Dennis Young attended the March 11th meeting. Dr. Rumi discussed the dimensions of Islam and its relationship to Christianity. Melissa Smith, distributed pray shawls to take back to each parish and do with them as they wished. Rose Mead gave Melissa's name and information to Rose Elliott who heads our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The next meeting is May 13th at St. Peter's parish in LeRoy. The goals of the Vicariate is to create a website and promote attendance at meetings.

-Finance Council-Mike Shultz reports that Deb Tamblin is communicating with OLOF to proactively schedule any finance issues that may be generated with link/merger. Cost estimate for St. Patrick/St. Cecilia celebration needs to be better defined.

-Social Life--Hospitality -Adoration Society-Publicity-Cemetery: no reports this period

-St. Patrick Church-Ron Hochmuth submitted that they were all set for Lent. Easter Flowers were ordered from Delre's. The parishioners are putting all their efforts together for the BIG transition to take place on March 30th. Suggests "don't be shy" offer your assistance for this event and hope to see you there!

-Liturgy including Music & Children-Jan Bencic reports a great deal of time was spent planning Lent, the Triduum and the Easter Masses. Children's liturgy was held on Easter morning with lots of little ones present. They sang a song after the homily under the direction of Elaine Forti. The adult choir sang at the Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday service and the Easter Vigil. Kathy Radka, violinist, accompanied Don Jenczka on Easter morning. Assistance is needed to fill the ministries for the month of April. Sheets are available in the vestibule. The new schedule will start in May. Thank you for your patience as we implement a new scheduling program.

-Bereavement-Fran Matla for Alice Fagnan reports that 2 funeral luncheons (Ann Orsini and Mrs. Sulimowicz) were served. Ann Orlowski did a fine job managing both.

-Right To Life-Jackie Motz submitted that she met with Dawn Iacono of the Buffalo Diocese. She offered suggestions and she gave her a booklet of information. If anyone is interested in helping please call at 948 -8690 or e-mail at mclan6@bankofakron.net

-Buildings & Grounds/Garden Club-Annette and Frank Pfalzer report that we are getting closer to the Church Yard Sale. People have been calling for pickup when the weather breaks. At the end of April we will put a sign-up sheet in the vestibule if anyone would like to help. Also, for the yard, we are always looking for people to help water in the summer and get the gardens in shape.

-Outreach Helping Hands/Rosary Making/Prayer Shawls/ Communion to the Sick/Visiting-Megan Nixon reports that we are always looking for volunteers to help, organize and coordinate these outreach programs.

-Journey in Faith & Grace Transition Team-Bob Funke reports that the transition committee met on 2/24 and 3/16 to discuss the merger, the masses, and the reception. Following the 8 AM Mass the statue of St. Patrick, the altar cloth and the sanctuary lamp will be transported to St. Cecilia's Church. The 10 AM Mass will commence by celebrating the joining of St. Patrick's community with St. Cecilia's. The reception follows the Mass and is being planned for 250 people.

~**New Business**~

~**Labor Daze Bingo**-Laurie Laycock read the letter that was received from Bonnie Woodward asking if we would like to participate. Fran Matla said that this letter was also read at A&R and there was no interest in setting up a "Cookie Booth" which was also mentioned in the letter. A notice had been in the bulletin, but no one volunteered to Chair the event. After discussion, Parish Council decide that they will initiate the project by setting up a meeting on April 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM and ask for volunteers, interested in working this event, to come to the meeting. Fran Matla will get this notice into the bulletin. Judy Boyle volunteered to write a reply to Bonnie informing her that St. Cecilia's will host Bingo on both Sunday and Monday from 12-5 each day.

~**Members on Parish Council**-Laurie asked to have a list of all members. Fr. Art would like the congregation to elect 2 parishioners to sit on council. This would be done by election. Schedule this item to be on Agenda for next meeting.

~PLEASE NOTE~ PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 AT 6:30 PM

~**Motion To Close:** Mike Shultz ~ **Second:** Fran Matla ~**Adjourned** 7:55PM

~**Closing Prayer:** Mike Shultz

~**Next Meeting:** May 12, 2008 at 6:30 PM **Opening & Closing Prayer for next meeting:** Bob Funke

Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Giambrone, Secretary