

St. Columbkille
Parish Council Meeting
March 16, 2023
Submitted: March 26, 2023

Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community, drawing people to follow Jesus and his message of love.

Meeting Attendees: Father Rich Clement, Patty Petrauskas, Michael Ondo, Corky Pishock, Richard Snyder, Brian Quinn, Charlene Wysocki, Joseph Richardson, Heather Shainline, Barbara Zolnowski, and Lori Psota.

Opening Prayer: Father Rich

Review & Approval of Minutes: The February 16, 2023 minutes were approved via email by Corky Pishock and seconded by Mike Ondo.

New Business:

RaiseRight Program Update: Presented by Brian Quinn

Through February 28th, 2023

	<u>Current Mo</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Income</u>	
Giant	\$ 2,425.00	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 448.75	
Redners	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 210.00	
Weis	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 105.00	
Total Groc	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 15,275.00	\$ 763.75	49%
RR Physical Cards	\$ 650.00	\$ 8,445.00	\$ 448.80	29%
RR egift cards - online	\$ 38.25	\$ 349.96	\$ 349.96	22%
			\$ 1,562.51	
Amort of check charge (approx 1/3)			\$ 32.51	
Net Income to Distribute			\$ 1,530.00	
Weekly Distribution based on 15 weeks of selling			\$ 102.00	

Committee	# of weeks	\$ / week	Total Payout
Basket Party	2	\$ 102.00	\$ 204.00
Boy Scouts	2	\$ 102.00	\$ 204.00
Girl Scouts	2	\$ 102.00	\$ 204.00
Knights of Columbus	4	\$ 102.00	\$ 408.00
LAOH	1	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00
St Vincent dePaul	2	\$ 102.00	\$ 204.00
Youth Group	2	\$ 102.00	\$ 204.00
Total weeks	15		\$ 1,530.00

- Council agreed checks should be paid to the groups who volunteered.
- Volunteer time slots are being scheduled to June. Sales will be every-other week during the summer months due to volume.
- The next payout will be at the end of the year.
- Next year there will only be one payout at the end of the year.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Presented by Father Rich

- Father Rich received quote for painting of the church from St. Jude Shop.
 - Overall total - \$115,692 vs. \$98,850 (Robert A Ritterbeck Painting Inc.)
 - St. Jude guaranteed the project can be completed within 5 weeks. Ritterbeck quoted "several months."
 - August 12 – September 23 was reserved for completion of the project. All Masses will be celebrated in Quinn Hall during this time.
 - Fr. Rich submitted request to diocese. Diocese requested 3rd quote.
 - Crest Painting is scheduled to meet with Father Rich on March 21st.
- Multiple trees have been removed from the property. Church received \$9,000 from the sale of the black walnut trees.

Finance: Presented by Brian Quinn

- Finance committee met on February 23rd.
- We currently have excess income of \$60k - part of the excess is due to us no longer having to give financial support to St. Francis Academy.
- Investigating additional options to invest excess cash.
- Father Rich will be inviting an individual to speak to the committee regarding investment options.
- Next meeting will be in May to start discussing 2023/2024 budget.

Fundraising: Presented by Mike Ondo

The committee met on March 9, 2023.

- Attic Treasures – Our next event will be the Attic Treasures. It will be held the weekend of April 28, 29 & 30 in Quinn Hall. Clean and usable items will be collected on April 24 & 25 from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. No clothing or electronics will be accepted.
- Golf Outing – Preliminary talks are taking place on co-sponsoring a golf outing with Most Blessed Sacrament Parish with the approval of Fr. Rich. Expenses and profits would be split 50-50 between the parishes. Each parish would use its part of the profits as they wish.
- Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus: Presented by Rich Snyder

- Officer meeting was held Tuesday, March 14th.
- The last breakfast yielded \$1,560. The profit is split 50/50 between the Knights and the church - \$780 each.
- Next breakfast is April 2nd.
- The Knights donated \$500 to Special Olympics.

Human Concerns: Presented by Corky Pishock

- The committee met on March 1st.
- Bereavement Committee: One funeral luncheon was held for Ralph Vitelli in February.
- Pro-life: Committee members collected donations over the past two weekends for the bowl-a-thon for Mary's Shelter. Deacon Jim and both Deacon Joes will be representing our parish at the event in Shillington this Sunday, March 19th.
- Catie's Wish: Candee Holzman is making preparations to have items delivered to St. Jude Hospital by April 23rd.
- Souper Bowl Sunday: a total of 660 pounds of food donations were delivered to Preston's Pantry. The breakdown was Eagles – 582 lbs., Chiefs – 51 lbs., and Neutral – 27 lbs.
- A Special Connection: One of the recipients, Jerry Keenan, passed away. No other changes.
- Mother's Day Cards/Petitions: Committee members will be selling these during the weekends of April 29/30 and May 6/7, 2023.
- Mother's Day Carnation Sale: Lifeline is again having their carnation sale this year. They ordered 300 carnations to be sold at \$2 each or 3 for \$5 on Mother's Day Weekend.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Evangelization: Presented by Rich Snyder

- Christ Life: The Holy Spirit Retreat will be held Saturday, March 18th at 9:00 – 35 participants will be attending
- There are two additional Wednesday sessions.
- The next session will begin again at end of May

Youth Group: Submitted by Heather Shainline

- They last YG meeting was held on 3/12/23. The theme was Saints. There were 11 teens in attendance. Check out their Saint cards downstairs. They created a portrait of what they want to look like as a saint someday along with a personal saintly motto.
- Salsa Fundraiser: Order should be arriving soon.
- Easter flower orders are due Sunday, March 19th to the main office, online, or to Heather Shainline. Pick up is Palm Sunday weekend. The KOC is letting the Youth Group use part of the hall to sell extra flowers. Pre-orders will be kept in the KOC/LAOH room.
- Bunny costume – if anyone has seen the costume, it belongs to the Youth Group.
- Wonder Retreat: This event is tentatively scheduled for May 27th. It will be a one-day retreat and include hiking/outdoor activities.
- The Core team will be working on procedures for Iona Hall and the information will be sent to all groups that use this space. Tape was used on the floor again resulting in the wax being stripped.
- Holy Week Mission: The theme is Real. The dates are April 5th – April 8th. Megan Repko and Colleen Canfield are the Core team leads for this event. The cost is \$30 per person. The cost includes a REAL tee shirt, materials, and meals. Hoodies and long-sleeve tee-shirts may be purchased separately. Registration is now open online.
- Anyone not in middle school or high school is invited to pray for the youth group and encourage someone in grades 6 – 12 to join the group. Individuals can also support the youth group by donating items on their sign-up genius to feed the missionaries.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2023. The theme will be Easter.

Parish/Staff Items:

- St. Francis Classical School: Father Rich wanted it noted that this school is not associated with St. Columbkille Parish, nor is it associated with the Allentown Diocese. It is an independent school.
- St. Francis Academy: St. Columbkille Parish financially supported the school and there were funds deposited into a bank account. The Diocese still has not refunded those funds back to our parish after the school was closed.
- Bereavement Group: Father Rich would like to start a bereavement group at St. Columbkille. In the past, there was a joint ministry for this been between our parish and MBS that was run by Deacon Mike Boyle who passed away. There are parishioners at St. Benedict's parish who offer in-person training for this ministry. Father Rich will be reaching out to the parish to see who may be interested in being trained for this ministry.
- Mass Attendance: 10:00 Mass on Sunday morning by average is the most highly attended Mass. Total weekend average is 600 – 650 parishioners per weekend.
 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil: 200 average attendance
 - 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass: 150 average attendance
 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass: 250 average attendance

Closing Prayer by Father Rich.

Our next meeting will be held April 20, 2023 at 7:30 (following daily Mass).

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Psota
Recording Secretary