

St. Columbkille
Parish Council Meeting
April 20, 2023
Submitted: May 4, 2023

Mission Statement

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

Meeting Attendees: Father Rich Clement, Brian Quinn, Mike Ondo, Rich Snyder, Barbara Zolnowski, Corky Pishock, Joe Richardson, Debbie Harris, Heather Shainline, and Lori Psota.

Opening Prayer: Father Rich

Review & Approval of Minutes: The March 16, 2023 minutes were approved via email by Mike Ondo and seconded by Joe Richardson.

New Business:

RaiseRight Program Update: Presented by Brian Quinn

- Sales will be moving to every-other week during the summer months due to volume.
- Sales have already started to decrease.

Bereavement Group: Presented by Father Rich Clement

- Three individuals have finished the training.
- Parishioners are already showing an interest in participating in the program.
- Parishioners will contact the office or rectory to let Father Rich know they want to participate in the grief program.
- Father Rich is going to meet with the committee to see if both a daytime and an evening session is possible. Ultimately, it will depend on their availability.
- The grief sessions are a 5 to 6-week program that reviews the various stages of grief. People can come anytime they want. You do not have to come consecutive weeks.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Presented by Father Rich

- Painting of the Church:
 - Father Rich received a 3rd bid from Crest Painting in Easton, PA
 - Ritterbeck Painting: \$98,850 (cannot guarantee completion in 5 weeks)
 - St. Jude: \$115,692 (guarantees project completion within 5 weeks)
 - Crest Painting: \$67,500 (Crest has only painted one church and it was a simple building).
 - Ritterbeck agreed they could paint the back wall and the walls behind Mary & Saint Joseph within the 5-week time frame. Cost will be \$9,850.
 - Crest Painting will paint the remaining areas of the church.
 - Total savings: \$38,342
 - August 12 – September 23 was reserved for completion of the project. All Masses will be celebrated in Quinn Hall during this time.
- Tree Removal: 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

- Next meeting is May 11. The 2023/2024 budget will be discussed.

Fundraising: Presented by Mike Ondo

The committee met on April 13, 2023.

- Attic Treasures: The event is being chaired by Linda Lignelli & Chris Karver with the assistance by Chrissy Ziemak. Tables will be setup on Sunday, April 3 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Clean and usable items will be collected on April 24 & 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. No clothing or electronics will be accepted. Items will be priced and displayed by Wednesday & Thursday, April 25 & 27. The sale will take place on Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., after Mass on Saturday evening; and on Sunday, April 30 after each Mass. Plants will be available by the flagpole. Cleanup will take place on Sunday, April 30 in the afternoon. Leftover items will be boxed and placed outside for pickup by Purple Heart on Monday, May 1. Chris has created an event app and information will be posted on the Parish Facebook page and flock notes. Signs will also be displayed in the area.
- Event Income/Expense Report: A standardized "Event Income Report" has been created so all our events will report the income/expense information in the same manner. The form will be tweaked as it is used.
- 2023/2024 Budget: A fundraising budget for 2023/2024 was submitted to Gayle. Projected income from events is:
 - Basket Party: \$7,500
 - Chili Cookoff: 300
 - Attic Treasures: 6,000
 - Food Fest: 1,500
 - Golf Outing 1,000
 - Total Income: \$16,300
- RaiseRight is being considered separately.
- Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Knights of Columbus: Presented by Rich Snyder

- Officer meeting was held Tuesday, April 18.
- The last breakfast yielded \$1,400. The profit is split 50/50 between the Knights and the church - \$780 each.
- Next breakfast is May 7. The last breakfast
- June 4 – Knights Appreciation Day
- Supported Easter Egg hunt.
- May 24: Fundraising banquet at LifeLine.
- May 20: Chicken Parm Dinner – funds will support the Knight's scholarship
- Approved \$500 donation to purchase English/Spanish Bibles for a prison in Berks County.

Human Concerns: Presented by Corky Pishock

- The committee met on March 1st.
- Bereavement Committee: One funeral luncheon was held.
- Pro-life: \$2,942 was raised for Mary's Shelter in Reading.
- Catie's Wish: 400 "Happies" (this year – Wikki Stix) will arrive at St. Jude Hospital by April 23rd. That would have been Catie's 18th birthday.
- The Carnation Sale to benefit Lifeline of Berks County will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 13 & 14. The cost of the flowers is \$2 each or three for \$5.

- Mother's Day Cards/Petitions will be sold in Quinn Hall the weekends of April 29 & 30; and May 6 & 7.
- Next meeting will be May 3, 2023.

Evangelization: Submitted by Deacon Joe Petrauskas

- Discovering Christ sessions concluded on Wednesday, March 29th. 59 participants completed the first of the three-part Christ Life series on evangelization. Following Christ, the second part of the series will begin on Wednesday, May 3rd. This second part will focus on the practical teachings on how to live as a disciple of Christ. The 7-part program will include a retreat day on June 3rd and the series will conclude on Wednesday, June 14th.
- There is a Christ Life conference this coming August in Severna Park, MD. that Patty and I are planning to attend with a few others from the parish who have been helping as facilitators to help strengthen our mission to "drawing people to follow Jesus and His message of love." More to come on this next month.
- Strengthen 2023: August 17-19, 2023 in Severna Park, Maryland
 - **Strengthen 2023** is an opportunity for you and your parish team to be encouraged in your personal walk with Jesus, grow in relationship with other ChristLife teams in our common mission, and experience a time of refreshment and training to take your ChristLife Process to the next level.
 - Join us this summer as we seek the Lord's strength and presence. Not simply a training event, **Strengthen 2023** will be a time for ChristLife team members to gather as a community of missionary disciples and receive strengthening in the mission given to us by the Lord to share his Good News and make disciples.

Youth Group: Submitted by Heather Shainline

- Holy Week Mission: We held our annual Holy Week Mission. We had 13 teens attend plus our visitor Sr. Lisa. Thank you to Megan Repko and Colleen Canfield for all their hard work putting this year's Mission together.
- The Easter egg hunt was a success. There were about 50 children who attend and over 1,000 eggs hidden. The Easter bunny costume was re-purchased.
- Salsa fundraiser: Orders have arrived. We do have extras for sale.
- Easter Flower Sale: We sold almost all the flowers. A few were donated to the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart along with the leftover perishable food from the Holy Week Mission.
- Wonder Retreat: This retreat is tentatively scheduled for May 27th. It will be a one-day retreat with hiking and outdoor activities. Stay tuned for more details.
- The Core team will be working on procedures for Iona Hall and info will be sent to all groups that use it.
- The Youth Group started painting the stage/chapel area downstairs.
- Catholic Heart Workcamp:
 - June 11 – 16
 - Steubenville, OH
 - Accepting deposits until May 7. If five or more teens sign up, then we will go. If less than five teens sign up, we will do another "Helping at Home" week.
- Steubenville:
 - Steubenville Main campus July 7 – July 9.
 - \$250 per person – cost includes tee-shirt, room, and board
 - Deposits accepted until May 7. We will attend if five or more teens sign up.
- Next meeting: April 23, 2023. The theme is Resurrection

Parish/Staff Items:

- Fire Drill: Now that the weather is warmer, Father Rich would like to schedule a “drill” so parishioners know where the exits are located and to help them prepare if there is an emergency.
- Father Rich would like the drill to occur before Summer. A discussion ensued on how to prepare and inform parishioners.
- Assistance will be needed by the Ushers to plan the logistics of clearing the building and directing parishioners on exiting the building.
- Father Rich wants to speak to the local fire and police departments.
- CPR: Father Rich would like the Ushers to be trained in CPR.

Closing Prayer by Father Rich.

Our next meeting will be held May 25, 2023 at 7:30 (following daily Mass).

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Psota
Recording Secretary