

St. Columbkille
Parish Council Meeting
June 15, 2023
Submitted: June 17, 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, Corky Pishock, Rich Snyder, Debbie Harris, Barbara Zolnowski, Joe Richardson, Mike Ondo, Heather Shainline, and Lori Psota.

Opening Prayer: Father Rich Clement

Review & Approval of Minutes: The May 25, 2023 minutes were approved via email by Charlene Wysocki and seconded by Joe Richardson.

New Business:

RaiseRight Program Update: No Report

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Presented by Father Rich

- August 14 – September 9: church will be closed for painting. All services will be held in Quinn Hall.
- Hymnals will not be brought into Quinn Hall as there is no place to put them there.
- The televisions will be utilized in Quinn Hall to display the words to the hymns.
- Father Rich has notified our neighboring churches in case we need to call on them for funeral services.

Finance: No Report

Fundraising: Presented by Mike Ondo

The committee met on May 11, 2023.

- Basket Party is scheduled for October 29, 2023. The theme is the Basket Party's 25th Anniversary.
- Craft Show: date is to be determined.
- Next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Knights of Columbus: Presented by Rich Snyder

- Exemplification – 6/14/2023
 - Inducted five new members on 6/14/2023.
 - State Deputy and District Deputy attended Exemplification.
- Officers Meeting – 6/13/2023: Main topic – participation
- Appreciation/Social Event: Sunday, June 25, 2023 @ 1:00

Human Concerns: Presented by Corky Pishock

- The committee met on June 7, 2023.
- Mother's Day Carnation Sale: Raised \$545 for Life Line of Berks County
- Mother's Day Cards/Petitions: Raised \$771. Proceeds support the Iona Fund
- Father's Day Cards/Petitions: Amount raised not determined as of this report.
- Christmas in July for Lifeline:
 - Christmas Tree will be in the Narthex (similar to the warming tree)
 - Support Lifeline of Berks County
 - Items needed will be posted in the bulletin (variety of baby items)
- Next meeting will be September 6, 2023

Evangelization: Presented by Deacon Joe Petrauskas

- Following Christ, the second part of the ChristLife program for the New Evangelization series concluded on Wednesday, June 14th. 37 parishioners participated. The all-day retreat was held on Saturday, June 3rd. The retreat day theme was We are at War with the World, Flesh, and the Devil.
- Sharing Christ, the 3rd part of the series will begin on Wednesday, September 13th. This series focuses on the practical ways of sharing the Good News. Retreat day is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. The theme of the retreat is Putting Out into the Deep.
- Patty and I, along with Marty and Jeff Grimm are registered to attend a Christ Life conference on August 17 – 19, 2023 in Severna Park, MD. to help strengthen our mission to “drawing people to follow Jesus and His message of love.” The theme for the conference is Strengthen 2023.
- There are 160 parishioners who are signed up and viewing the content on the digital platform, FORMED.org.
- Looking at ways to involve youth (particularly middle school and high school age) in the Sunday Mass services as ushers, lectors, and altar servers.

Youth Group: Presented by Heather Shainline

- The Core team is working on procedures for Iona Hall and info to be sent to all groups that use.
- Wonder Retreat: Christie Edling and I took our three girls kayaking on Saturday, May 27th at Blue Marsh from 1 – 3 p.m. It was so fun and such a beautiful day!
- Steubenville: Our teens that signed up for Steubenville have been connected with St. Catharine's and will be attending Main Campus July 14 – July 16. Joe Repko, one of our Core team members is also attending as a chaperone.
- Helping at Home: We had six teens help throughout the week and three adults.
 - 6/12: Helped weed for a parishioner; In Ian's Boots from 5:30 – 8 p.m. – cleaning and tagged shoe donations.
 - 6/13: Helping Harvest from 12:30 – 3 p.m. – boxed food donations
 - 6/14: Helped a parishioner clean and organize their garage.
 - 6/15: Continued painting the chapel; cleaned and organized Iona Hall.
- Summer Fun: I still plan to have an activity or two over the summer for fellowship: game night, bowling, mini-golf, breakfast after Mass; etc.
- Next meeting: September 10, 2023.

Parish/Staff Items:

- Bereavement Group: Presented by Mike Ondo
 - 7 attended the first session
 - 5 people attended the second session
 - Each session lasted 1 ½ hours to 2 hours
 - Suggest people contact the office if they want to attend, but it is not required.
- Liturgical Banners: Father Rich was not aware we have them. They are stored on site. Jim Epley would hang them when asked.
- Altar Flowers: Can they be moved to the chapel after a week?
 - There is not a Mass in the Chapel. Parishioners have donated those flowers for the church as an Intention for a loved one to be used at Mass.
- Parish Council Minutes: published monthly or quarterly as insert in the bulletin?
 - It is costly to print these items. Only a few people request the paper copies. Parishioners can request a copy from the office.
- Fire Drill: September 16 & 17
 - Ushers will need to have a meeting to organize how they will direct parishioners.
 - We will need direction/guidance from an Emergency Services Professional
 - Father Rich wants to meet with one of the local fire departments to assist with planning this event.
 - Father Rich will let parishioners know prior to the event to help everyone prepare.
- Chain across back parking lot unlocked for certain events (ex. Knights Breakfast):
 - Father Rich will have individuals designated to unlock and relock the chain/fence for certain events.
- VBS: 40 children enrolled
 - Ages: Pre-K, Kindergarten; Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4
- Holy Days: Vigil Mass at 4:00
 - Holy Day Vigil Mass is well-attended (usually retired individuals)

Closing Prayer: Father Rich Clement

Our next meeting will be held September 21, 2023 at 7:30 (following daily Mass).

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Psota
Recording Secretary