

St. Columbkille Pastoral Council

Minutes

February 25, 2025

6:30p.m.

ROLL:

Fr. Dave Schatz, Fr Bob Gross, Julie Kruser, Tracee Wellik, John Hohnecker, Laura Keehner, Nicole Schmidt ,Marie Ware.

Absent: Connie Palm, Bob Wuebker and Brian O'Donnell

Guest: Deacon Travis King and Jenn Porter

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM(s):

None.

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Gross and the Council Members prayed *The Our Father*.

MINUTES:

Council Member Laura Keehner moved to approve the Minutes from January 28, 2025; and Finance Council Member Marie Ware seconded the Motion. Motion carried. The January 28, 2025 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes; were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Presentation on Boy Scouts Request for Permanent Space in Convent Building

- Deacon Travis King -Boy Scout Charter Representative presented the following:
- The scouts have grown in five (5) years to sixty (60) scouts in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Scouts Venturing Crew provides leadership, personal development and high adventure activities. They participate in badge training and an annual retreat.
- The Scouts are in need of more space due to their growth in participants.
- A slide show presentation was provided illustrating the project design for use in the convent building.
- Phase 1-Cleaning- water damage, mitigating mold (work with Tom Kann) and prepping for the next phase. Tentative timeline is February through July
- Phase 2- Paint colors and details to be determined, including furniture, fixtures and Scout items. The color scheme would be the Boy Scouts of American theme.

- South Wall- fireplace and Boy Scout flag; east Wall- Pictures of the Eagle Scouts- with name and year; North Wall-Barn doors; Scout oath; Art wall- with decals and design; West Wall-Troop photos, and area on how to tie knots;
- Full wood blinds/shades;
- A meeting space/board room;
- Storage area for Scout supplies- shelves for plastic bins;
- Refrigerator to store drinks and food; coffee bar;
- Scouts can earn badges for painting and home repair- they can participate in the project to earn these badges;
- The Scouts are excited about this project for increased space;
- Divider wall would be removed;
- Tear flooring out and provide a nice even floor such as tile and durable. Could be similar to the preschool room;
- Paint the hallway where the coat racks are;
- Bathrooms are nearby;
- There would be break during the Summer with no work on the project;
- Charge small rental fee for the Scout space with a rental agreement put in place and rental insurance obtained by the Scouts; Rich will be contacted to discuss this further;
- Other groups/organizations could also use this space if needed;
- Scouts meet every Monday;
- Fogarty Hall is used more often since the remodel;
- This area the Sisters reside in is complete;
- Budget- Approximately \$5,000. The Scouts are a nonprofit- 501C-3. If they get account at Lowe's a fifty percent (50%) donation is provided by Lowe's to the nonprofit. Also could look into corporate matching gifts.
- A discussion was brought up regarding updating the Rectory/office staff area and this would not take place until Summer 2026. This will be a future agenda item.
- Most members are in favor of this project- it was discussed to have this area as a multipurpose use and possibly scale back slightly on some of the design parts;
- A discussion amongst Council Members and will let the Scouts know in the near future

Update on Parish Mission & Lent (Marie and Fr. Gross)

- Lectio Divina is being held on March 22, 2025 from 8:30 to 12:30 with Fr. Dave presenting;

This is sponsored by Women at the Well Theresians;

- The Mission is scheduled for March 15th, 16th and 17th (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday);
- Chris Bray will arrive the prior the the Mission and present at each weekend Mass to provide an insight on the Mission;
- It as discussed to provide Chris with meals/dinner out;
- Transportation for Chris while here for the Mission was also discussed;
- Joy of St. Columbkille - Golf Committee would still like to have the golf outing this year and it is set for August 10, 2025 and the committee is excited to plan a successful event
- The school dedication is set for September 14, 2025 with Archbishop attending
- Julie to connect with the Presentation Sisters to provide the date to them for the school dedication so they are able to participate;
- Members of the Council, principal, teachers, parents etc. to help with the school dedication event;

School Project

- Progressing well on this project;
- Brick in on front and windows are being installed;
- The elevator will be installed in March;
- April the electrical will be moving ahead;
- Plumbers are in need for installation;

*It was requested if there were blueprints of the Convent Suites that the Council Members would have access to view in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Brainstorm ideas for usage of Convent Suites and Welcoming New Parishioners was tabled for future discussion.

CLOSING PRAYER-

Hail Mary was said by all Council Members.

NEXT MEETING:

March 25, 2025 at 6:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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