

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
031015**

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Attendance: Father Karl, Deacon Rick, Deacon Pete, Dan Siepierski, Meredith Vilardo, Ed Bukowski, Patti Valvo, Sal Valvo, Tony Vilardo, Maria Vilardo, David Squire, Shelly Squire, Jeff VanRemmen, Jeff Kney, Lisa Benzer, Mike Buttino, Curt Sauers, and Tama Gresco-Sauers

Absent: Susan Klier, Lucille Janiga, Carolyn Powell

Father Karl opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the January 13, 2015, meeting were reviewed. Sal approved. Tony Vilardo seconded. All were in approval.

Father Karl's Report:

1. Diocesan Audit – This is typical after the appointment of a new Pastor. Audit was January 6 – 8, 2015, and they came back for one day the following week. Last week the final report was delivered to Father Karl, Sue Rodgers, Dan Siepierski, and Tama Gresco-Sauers. We had received a good report, but there are some changes that need to be made and some were already in progress. This will help with documentation, risk mitigation, etc. All other areas are up for audit as well (i.e., VIRTUS Training, Insurances, etc.) VIRTUS documentation needs to be reviewed, Job Descriptions have to be written, etc. We have to be concerned from the spiritual and temporal level.
2. Parish Website – Gary Aures, Staff Member, approached Father Karl stating that he would like to help out now that Mark Kriz has moved to Washington State. The website really looks quite good, yet there is still quite a bit of work to. However, we've made great strides in this area.
3. Announcements – Father feels very optimistic about the direction of our Parish. There is a lot going on and it is quite vibrant here. There is still a lot to do, but if we take it one step at a time, we will get there.
4. Organist – Sue Kriz, as a result of her husband's job relocation has resigned and so we will need an organist. We will be reviewing Music Ministry as a whole at this time. It's a good time to re-assess the entire program.
5. Winter – We have had very few problems as a result of the weather. The frozen pipes in the Rectory have been repaired and there is now a heating strip in the hallway to keep the area warm. We had some minor leaks, but David Wagner took care of them and we are in good shape.
6. Seminary – Father Karl was there this afternoon for a presentation by the Office of Worship. The Deacons did this a few months back. The program centered on the "Ministry of the Word" today. More effort is being made to build community amongst the Diocesan Clergy. As a result of the declining priest population, many priests live by themselves. It's difficult to maintain a sense of camaraderie. It helps priests to review the different parts of the Mass and find out how this brings them closer to Christ. Priests minister to others and they need to be ministered to from time-to-time. This program is certainly worthwhile. It helps to sharpen a priest's spiritual life.

Old Business:

1. Parish Council Elections – Dave has 5 candidates for 3 positions. Candidates can submit their interest by the end of the month. Tony Vilardo said that Dominic Buttino is interested and will send David his email address.
2. Music Ministry – Tony Vilardo asked about the status. All of the VIRTUS paperwork has to be submitted for all Music Ministry leaders before any program advertising.
3. Sound System – The system has been reviewed. Adjustments have been made. Some microphones need work completed. Amplifier repairs were also taken care of on the Johannes organ. Audio monitor

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– they can't hear their harmonies and their sound. **ACTION ITEM: Music Ministry will provide pricing on an audio monitor and microphones to Father Karl.**

4. Facilities/Ministry Requests – The sheets are available in the Narthex and in the Rectory. Parishioners can complete the sheets and either return them through the collection or directly to the Rectory.
5. Father's Letter to Parishioners – This will be a general mailing to all parishioners. We will then go through a followup with those whose are returned. Catholic Charities mailing will assist with this process as well. Tony Buttino, Sr. is working on a script for Parish Vitality to use to start to contact parishioners afterwards with regard to "Catholics Come Home".
6. Cursillo Movement – Deacon Pete reported on this movement in the Diocese of Buffalo. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It doesn't necessarily have a permanent home. The last home they had was at Our Mother of Good Counsel and they were evicted with the sale of that facility. They ended up at St. Ambrose in Buffalo, but it is not a good facility due to the stairs, etc. They are looking for a new home. Deacon Pete approached Father Karl about our facility and whether we would be interested in having them onsite. They have come here for two tours and they were very impressed with our school facility and the layout. It's perfect for what their needs are. We don't have a locker room or showers, but they have portable showers that they can set up for the four times of the year when they would occupy the building on a Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Father Karl feels that there are a number of our parishioners who have participated in the program. Cursillo – very much like Mission, is a life-changing event. It's ongoing and part of your life through the Cursillo method. Father feels that it would do great good on the Parish level to get closer to the Lord. Father feels very positive about this and they will require one classroom to store their items. They are pretty self-sufficient. Deacon Pete stated that they always leave a building better than they found it. They are very appreciative for wherever they've been.
7. There have been Extraordinary Costs for snowplowing and salting this year due to the prolonged winter weather conditions.
8. Shelter Proposal – Tony inquired about the project. Paul Moretta is reviewing the project. Paul said that the "as built" property survey will have to be re-completed. Any costs in excess of \$10,000 will also have to be reviewed by the Diocese. **ACTION ITEM: We will need to organize a subcommittee to work on the specifics of this project and potential proposal to the Finance Committee and potentially the Diocese.**
9. Facilities – Jeff VanRemmen proposed perhaps security cameras to monitor doors and buildings. This might allow St. Vincent's community to feel safe, know who is coming and going, perhaps we could open the buildings more to know who is here, etc. Dan Siepinski said that we should do the same thing for the Rectory. It could be a deterrent for anybody who might be wanting to cause issue with the facility.

Other

1. The 2015 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

May 12, 2015  
September 8, 2015  
November 10, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Tama J. Gresco-Sauers

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