



## Most Holy Redeemer Church Hadley, MA

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2018

### Minutes

**In Attendance:** Fr. Piotr Pawlus, Martha Boisvert, Richard Holden, Bob Laprade, Laura Meyer, Joe Pelis, Joan Smola, Beth Szymanski, Lily Wallace, Frank Wilda

**Absent:** Elaine Tudryn, Helen Vassallo

**Guest:** Suzanne Travisano (Hadley Sr. Center), Kathy Zieja (Finance Committee)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

**Opening Prayer by Fr. Piotr Pawlus**

**Members update:** none to report

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** 11/19/2018 minutes approved

### Report Outs:

#### **Finance Committee:**

- More to be shared regarding the rental of our hall by the Town of Hadley may for the Town Sr. Center. Possibly starting in April and continue to mid-year 2020.
- January focus on the fundraising for the trees that had been purchased for the cemetery. The trees will be planted in the spring. Looking to plant up to 17 trees, so far 7 have been sold. Trees are scarlet maples. They will be planted on the North side of the cemetery within a buffer zone. Roots will grow vertical and not horizontal and spidering. Recommended donation amount \$200 and a plaque will be included and located near the tree to include who is being honor or recognized for the tree donation.

#### **Buildings & Grounds Committee:**

- Accessible bathroom awaiting the paddle door, everything but the fixtures were done. Almost complete
- Roof went out for approval for the drawings. According to the diocese the roof must be done first before anything else. Recommendation to do it when weather appropriate.
- Awaiting Eagan's Church Furnishings and Restorations plan to do our interior remodel

## **Spiritual Life:**

- Lady of LaSalette trip will took place 12/15/2018
  - Attendees shared that the mass was beautiful, Fr. Piotr helped celebrate the mass with the resident priest and other visiting priests. Many in attendance at the mass
  - Over 500 lights on display
  - Great community event
- Additional trips and ideas are being planned for the spring
- Trip to Poland has been planned for August. Fr. Piotr will be the tour guide. Trip information posters can be found in the church.
- Bible study
  - 14 people participated in the first session
  - 2nd session will be rescheduled to due to December schedule conflicts- rescheduled to Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 PM. The Focus of this session will be the development and make-up of the New Testament and its significance as the fulfillment of the Old Testament.
  - We are currently looking into ways to leverage materials and what other churches have used or done

## **Old Business:**

### **Pastoral Council Bylaws**

- Tabled for next meeting

## **New Business:**

- Appreciation dinner being planned for some time in February to honor those that willing give of their time and talent to the church
- Special Guests from The Hadley Sr. Center (Suzanne Travisano)
  - Possibly usage plan for the Fr. Benoit Parish Center during the building of a new Sr. Center
  - Community connection and relationship building opportunity between MHR and the Sr. Center
  - Colebrook will be handling the agreement for MHR
  - *Motion made and parish council agrees to move forward with the proposal, none opposed and none objected*

### **Sr. Center Background information:**

- New building will be breaking ground in 2019
- Library will be raising and in the same location of the Sr. Center
- Our parish center is in close proximity to their current location
- Business hours for the Sr. Center is 9-4 M-F
- Congregate meal everyday-usually 2-12 in attendance (low attendance)
  - Meals are provided by Highland Valley Services which is the same provider as “Meals on Wheels”
  - Meals are done between 11:45-1:00 pm

- Some tables will need to be setup to serve lunch at
- Access to microwave to heat up meals
- Exercise classes are 9-9:15 – 11:30am
  - Largest class is about 25 people, twice a week
  - Second largest class is about 20 people, once a week
  - Fitness equipment may not be coming over
- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month they host First Friday with Friends at 2pm (social activity)
- Every Fridays from 12:30 – 2:30 about 30-35 in attendance to play cards
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month they host coffee with a Cop
- Not very many evening events, the wine tasting event will take place at the First Church

**Sr. Center Requirements:**

- Office space and program space
  - Temporary office space – 3 office workers,
  - Veteran services meeting space
  - Nurse from 8:00 am -12:00 pm – including a locked space for private materials
  - Other counselors- once a week with a potential to scale back the services while in their temporary space (possibly monthly)
- Daily kitchen usage as well as coffee maker
- They plan to transfer over their Wifi services, phones and logistical pieces
- Keys needed (potential)
  - Cleaning services
  - Office workers
- 1 service van will remain in our lot
- Cars may be parked in our parking lot for day trips
- Multi day trips overnight parking may be needed or potential look for an alternate location
- Snow removal-determine town services will be utilized as well as timing

**Meeting concluded with a blessing by Fr. Piotr**

**Next Meeting:**

Monday 1/28/2019 6:30 pm Fr. Benoit Church Hall. (meetings moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month @ 6:30 pm)

Meeting Minutes scribed by Laura Meyer and provided to council members 1/7/2019