

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Minutes October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016--6:30 p.m.--Parish Center

**Present:** Father Rob, Lisa DiCamillo, Mary Jane Voelker, Ann Wrubel, Gerry Wroblewski, John Connor, Pat Sampson.

**Excused:** Steve Gayari, Paul Gaulsch, Molly Bass, and Janice Wurst.

**Prayer:** Father Rob

**Minutes:** Approved Minutes from August 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

### **Decisions:**

1. Continue with the sewer line repairs at St Francis Rectory and the redirection of water lines.
2. Move St Felix Organ to St Roch Church.

### **Discussion:**

1. Council welcomed 3 new members and all contact information was updated and distributed.
2. St Felix Rectory was sold for the asking price, \$35,000.00. After subtraction of Realtors fees, all monies will return to the parish. Buyer and seller are happy with the sale.
3. St Francis Borgia Rectory.
  - In order to sell the Rectory the water line connecting the Rectory, Church and Hall must be disconnected. A new water line separate from the Rectory will be added connecting the church and the hall to the main water line.
  - The Sewer line to the rectory from the street has collapsed and must be repaired.
  - The asking price for the Rectory is \$65,000 if we repair the sewer line before sale, and \$55,000 if the buyer repairs the sewer line.

**Recommendation:** Continue with repairs to the sewer pipe and redirection of the water line, minimizing details related to repairs and reconnects.

4. St Felix organ. (Presented by Linda Clark, Director of Music.)
  - Linda's recommendation to Pastoral Council to move the organ from St Felix Church because of mildew/mold. The cost of heating an empty church through the winter is prohibitive and not guaranteed to prevent the spread of the mold. A discussion followed with this new information.
  - An anonymous benefactor has offered to cover the \$29,000 cost of moving the organ,

storage, maintenance and installation at St Roch Church. Will begin in January and be completed in the spring followed up with restoration of the walls at St Felix church after the removal of the organ.

5. Hymn books update: (presented by Linda Clark) Memorials and gifts have covered the actual cost of the new hymn books. Any remaining donations will pay for the accompaniment books and updates in the coming years. 357 memorial labels are now in books with 143 remaining books available for memorial and remembrance donations.

6. Other Donations:

- St Roch church doors - 2 main doors with handicapped access, were donated by the Knights of Columbus, and are now installed. – The two side doors donated by 2 families from the parish also handicapped accessible, one is now installed and one is on order to be installed in the coming weeks.
- Winter snow removal at the parish church, will be paid for this winter by a parishioner.

**Information:**

7. A Rebate came from the Saginaw Diocese:

- Loan interest rebate (\$6,813.00) is being used to pay the parish mortgage.
- The Dividend based on savings (\$5,074.00) is to be deposited into savings.

8. Council read the Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> finance meeting minutes which included the first quarter report, sale of St Felix Rectory, on-line giving, St Felix organ, St Felix maintenance, achieving our CSA assessment goal.

9. News of the “Parish App.” (Presented by Sue Grates) which is coming in Advent and information about how it can be used by groups within the parish, providing access to televised Mass, homilies, prayer opportunities, the bulletin, calendar of events etc.

10. Reminder of the parish “Thanksgiving Pot Luck” Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 PM.

**Pastoral Input:**

Fr. Rob thanked those who prepared and presented the 4 talks during October about “Sharing Our Gifts” and the time given to it in the joint pastoral council and finance meetings over the summer. The increase in recent donations may be as a result of increases in parishioner awareness about finances in the parish.

Fr. Rob spoke of his plans to use the month of November to speak to the parish about Faith Formation, and its importance in the faith life of the parish. This will include information about materials and programs for our children, recruitment of catechists, information for parents, Adult catechesis and RCIA which has just begun

**Next Pastoral Council meeting date:** Wednesday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 AM.

**Closing Prayer:** Lisa DiCamillo