

OLD BUSINESS

**Capital Campaign Update:**

- Pledges to date are 476 for a total of \$1,029,109 (including the penny pledge of \$10,000), or an increase of \$510 from our May report. Total pledges paid to date are \$690,744 or 67.8% of total pledges. The pledge balance due is \$328,365 or 32.2% of total pledge amount.
- There are 14 parishioners who have not yet made a payment against their outstanding pledge representing a total of \$11,858 (3.6% of balance due). We have 161 parishioners who have paid off their pledge, representing a total of \$207,875.
- Our penny pledge total is \$9,581.41. We are on schedule to exceed our 3rd year \$10,000 milestone. We have received additional deposits toward the campaign for Memorials: \$4,185 and Donations: \$2,050.
- The Follow Through team is active and working diligently on several projects:
  - A trifold with pictures to update parishioners about the renovation project.
  - Updates for the bulletin.
  - Events: The Penny Pledge milestone celebration, a donor celebration, and a general parish celebration after all Masses.

**Building Expansion Update:**

- Quinn Hall and the kitchen renovation are planned to be completed in late July/early August.
- Narthex tile replacement will be performed in July. The tiles were donated.
- The new Saint Columba statue will be placed, and the lighting will be upgraded to LEDs. A new closet will also be built.
- New Air Conditioner units will be purchased and installed for the Sacristy and Narthex.
- The wooden exit doors will be removed in preparation for the future Fire Door installation.

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- **Ambit Energy:** John Parente presented the responses to his questions from the Ambit representative. The Variable Rate Program is a guaranteed 3% less than the current rates. Participants must remain in the program for 12 months. They may see higher rates during the period, but a rebate will be issued if the 3% rate reduction is not maintained. Participants must re-enroll in the program each year. The council discussed a plan to establish a core group to “try out” the service to see if it would be beneficial before opening the program to the entire parish. It was noted that the church would pay the one-time \$99 setup fee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Building & Grounds:** See Building Expansion above.

**Parish Life:**

- The graduation lunch was held June 4th. Fifteen graduates and their families attended. There will be one more meeting for the summer.

**Finance:**

- The budget was tentatively approved, but not yet signed. Monday/Tuesday of next week – the financial report will be ready to approve. The budget will be sent to the diocese next week. The financial report is due by the end of July, and will be ready to be signed by middle of July.

**Fundraising:**

- The first Annual Golf Outing was held on Saturday, June 10, and it was a success. We had 70 golfers participate and raised over \$6000. We welcome any comments or suggestions for improvement on next year's event. Thank You letters will go out next week to all Sponsors.
- Next year's Fundraising Schedule will be finalized for the next Parish Council meeting.

**Knights of Columbus:**

We had a great showing at the 4th Degree Ceremony held on Sunday, May 28 in King of Prussia. Eleven Knights from our council made their 4th Degree, which is the highest degree a Knight can obtain.

There are several categories in which we participate.

**Church:** Adopt a Seminarian - We plan on adopting Matthew Kuna who was here for vocations.

**Community:** PAR Recycling – Event was held on Saturday, June 16 from 10 to 2. We had a fairly steady flow of people for most of the event.

Habitat for Humanity - We will be assisting with an existing project for Habitat for Humanity, rather than taking on an entire project ourselves.

Adopt-a-Highway - Forms have been submitted to adopt a stretch of highway through PennDot's program. The next event will be in October.

**Council:** We will be selling C.O.A.L. (Chance of a Lifetime) Tickets which benefit the State Council Knights Scholarship Program. We will also be selling Football Sweepstakes Tickets in late August.

**Culture of Life:** Rose Drive will be held first weekend of October.

**Public Relations:** George DeFrehn has our website ready and did a demonstration at our June Officer's Meeting. We hope to have an active site by August 1st.

**Youth:** No report.

**Misc:** We are looking at renovating the 3<sup>rd</sup> downstairs bathroom into a Knights' closet.

Human Concerns/Health Ministry/St. Vincent DePaul:

- The Mother's Day carnation sales raised \$1743. The Father's Day cards profited \$728. Participation in the Soup Kitchen was on May 6/7 – 160 meals were served on Saturday, and 120 meals served on Sunday. Next Soup Kitchen date is Dec. 16/17. Christmas in July slips will be given out the weekend of July 22/23 to be fulfilled the following weekend. The proposed date of the Coat Drive is TBD. The Warming Tree will be Dec 2/3, and Love Lights will be sold the first three weeks of December.
- One electric bill was paid and two families were given money for rent. A Giant gift card was also given out.

Evangelization: No report.

Youth Group: No report.

Staff Items:

- After the meeting, Father Marty led the council on a tour of Quinn Hall to see the current progress.

Suggestion Box: There was a suggestion to post a blurb in the Bulletin to announce to the congregation, that Parishioners who give electronically do not put envelopes in the collection basket.

Our next Council meeting will be held on August 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.