



**St. Mary Church, Carlyle, IL**  
**Parish Council Meeting - 1/9/2018**  
Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Barb Crouse called the meeting to order and Fr. George led the group in prayer.

Roll call: Fr. George Mauck, Barb Crouse, Ellen Knolhoff (DRE), Virginia Middendorff, Scott Kauling, Cathy Guthrie, Stacy Holthaus, Mike Jansen, and Dale Kampwerth. Absent: Ron Zurliene and Andy Zieren

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. One correction made by Ellen regarding the date of the Free Throw contest, changed to Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Cathy Guthrie, all approved. Motion passed.

**Administration - Scott Kauling**

- New boiler is being used, but a few issues are being addressed by Brefeld. Pressure valve will be replaced this week. Other issues will be followed-up by Scott and Randy. The boiler room may need a space heater or small damper on flue to help during extremely cold weather.
- Discussed getting better lighting for parking area between the school and cafeteria. Options to explore include: solar-powered lights, light/pole provided by the city, or tapping into an existing power system.

**Social Outreach Ministry - Barb Crouse**

- Matthew 25: Overall, Christmas giving tree went well; however, fourteen gifts were not accounted for and needed to be replaced which was the first time that had occurred. In December, 297 families were served and 108 tags were put out for the Matthew 25 children during Christmas. Thank you to all who helped and/or donated!
- Matthew 25 was the beneficiary of a coat drive by the Jaycees. Any remaining coats will be donated.

**Liturgy - Fr. George**

- Meeting is scheduled next Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 pm.
- Defibrillator training for ushers given by Renee Kruse was very thorough and went well. The defibrillator device was checked/replaced (batteries and pads) and will be maintained/updated regularly.

**Faith Formation - Ellen Knolhoff**

- ❖ Confirmation sponsors' meeting is Wednesday, January 17th. Thanks to the K of C who have donated a copy of *Handbook for Today's Catholic Teen* to each Confirmation candidate.
- ❖ The First Communion Parent and Child meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 31st. Families will make the bread that will be used at the First Communion liturgy, Sunday, May 6th at 10:00 am.
- ❖ Faith Formation will have a Burning of the Palms ritual on Wednesday, Feb. 7th at 7:30 pm on the playground - weather permitting.
- ❖ The Knights of Columbus sponsored the annual "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" Poster Contest. Winners from Council 1382 are:
  - First Place: Grades 1-2, Ella Smith; Grades 3-4, Gannon Mayer; Grades 5-6, Kendyl Meyer.
  - Second Place: Grades 3-4, Phoenix MendozaPictures are available on the K of C website and St. Mary Faith Formation Facebook page.
- ❖ **Parish Council Nominees:** Pictures and bios
- ❖ **Basketball:** Only one coach has not been certified, despite attempts to accommodate his schedule.

### **Youth Ministry (YM) - submitted by Judy Doerr**

- ❖ YM is busy in the community. A couple of the kids helped Santa as he arrived in Carlyle.
- ❖ Several of the kids served refreshment after the Christmas Cantata.
- ❖ A meeting was held on the 7th to discuss the possibility of having a basketball team to compete with other teams in the vicariate.
- ❖ Also be reminded that YM practices their faith through fellowship and service. As teenagers, this is an important aspect to keep them involved and active in their faith.
- ❖ A trip to Sky Zone is being planned on the 14th.

### **Social/Recreation Ministry - Cathy Guthrie**

- St. Mary's Crusader Free Throw Shoot-a-thon is January 17, 2018 at 8:00 pm
- Holiday Dribbling camp was held and went well.
- YM - requested using gym twice (end of January) on Sundays around 7:00 pm, if it is available.
- **Basketball Program:** Mike reported that he has talked to Bob & Chris and that the program has been very successful. They hope use the money from the program to make improvements. Father verbalized his appreciation for the financial organization, scheduling/programs, and new leadership, thus far.

### **Finance**

- Next meeting - Thursday, November 11, 2018
- Bids are still coming for the roof on the rectory

### **Old Business**

- No other business

### **New Business**

- Parish Council Nominations discussed:
  - a) Time commitment - meetings decreased to six (6) times/year and volunteer as able
  - b) Terms are ending for Barb Crouse, Virginia Middendorff, Dale Kampwerth
  - c) Election will be held the weekend of March 3-4, 2018

### **Pastoral Comments**

- Welcome new RCIA parishioners!
- Fr. reviewed progress on "Focus on 5 Key Areas that Matter!":
  - (1) **Sunday Matters** - Christmas celebration
  - (2) **Welcome Matters** - Needs improvement...suggest "Welcome" reception and packet, or plant, letter.  
Form a committee to address this need in our community/parish.
  - (3) **Belonging Matters** - Ask people to get/stay involved in the parish
  - (4) **Witness Matters** - Prayer groups
  - (5) **Mission Matters** - Good outreach with Matthew 25. Reflect on how to connect religious education with coming to church.

**The next parish meeting will be March 13, 2018, following mass, at 7:45 pm.**

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Middendorff, Parish Council Secretary