

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7PM

Members present: Fr. George, Ron Zurliene, Michael Jansen, Tiffany Wesselmann, Andy Zieren, Elaine Horstmann, Stacy Holthaus, Troy Hempen, Bridgette Winters, Paulette Evans and Ellen Knolhoff (DRE) and John Zieren (Trustee)

Excused: Brad Clark

Guest: Bob Gustafson and Chris Gustafson

Fr. George opened the meeting with prayer

Welcome to the new council members Troy Hempen, Elaine Horstmann, and Bridgette Beckmann. Thank you to the out-going members Cathie Guthrie, Scott Kauling and Ron Zurliene.

January 15, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Andy Zieren approved the minutes and seconded by Michael Jansen. All were in favor of the minutes as read.

Bob and Chris Gustafson gave an annual report on the St. Mary's Basketball Program. Hand out distributed. Program was an overall success. A request was made to purchase an AED (defibrillator). No motion made.

Action: Discuss at next meeting along with setting up a demonstration/class for ushers and interested parties.

Committee Reports

A. Administration:

1. Election of Officers: Council members unanimously agreed to the following
 - a. President – Andy Zieren
 - b. Secretary – Paulette Evans
2. Ron Zurliene presented the committee roster list. Requested volunteers to represent the council on each committee. Each council member to call the exiting committee members for confirmation of membership to the committee.
 - a. Administration committee – Michael Jansen
 - b. Social Outreach committee – Paulette Evans
 - c. Liturgy committee – Fr. George
 - d. Faith Formation committee – Ellen Knolhoff
 - e. Social/Recreation committee – Tiffany Wesselmann

B. Social Outreach – Report given by Paulette Evans

1. The Social Outreach committee met on February 26, 2019. Discussed Gear-up clothing drive will take place March 23-24th. Clothing can be dropped off in St. Mary's Gym before or after each mass.
2. Paulette Evans and GERALYN Hodapp are planning a BINGO at Carlyle Health Care Center in May. Will be asking the ladies of the parish to make cakes. Small prizes will be purchased for the BINGO winners.
3. Also discussed was gifting all newly wedded couples with a Bible.
4. J.B. Krebs discussed the possibility of starting a Grief Support Group. The committee agreed to further investigate the possibility of a Grief Support Group.

C. Liturgy Committee – Report given by Fr. George

1. The committee decorated the church for Lent.
2. 1st Holy Communion will take place on May 5th at the 10am Mass
3. Confirmation will take place on May 9th at 7pm at St. Mary's, Carlyle
4. St. Mary's has two individuals enrolled in RCIA; 1 candidate (baptized) and 1 catechumen (not baptized)

5. Paulette Evans asked if information on a daily Lenten devotional by Matt Kelley (Dynamic Catholic) could be put in the bulletin.

6. Next meeting – March 21, 2019 at 6:30pm

D. Faith Formation/Youth Ministry - Report given by Ellen Knolhoff, DRE.

1. On March 4th the Confirmation class had their retreat and celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. Confirmandi from St. Rose and from other parishes joined - 34 participants. Thank you to Jackie Toennies and her team.
2. On March 13th Faith Formation students will take part in the Stations of the Cross
3. On March 27th Grades 2-7 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will write their sins on a slip of paper which will then be burned
4. Youth Ministry will present Shadow Stations to Faith Formation on Weds. April 3rd at 7:15pm. All are welcome.
5. 7th grade class will present a Passion Play/Way of the Cross on Weds. April 10th.
6. Confirmation class will take part in the Triduum liturgies
7. High School Graduation Recognition Mass will be May 19th at 10am Mass
8. The youth ministry will host the annual Easter Egg hunt will take place after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 21st
9. Palms were burned on Weds, February 27th.

E. Social Recreation – no report

F. Finance Committee – Report given by John Zieren, Trustee.

1. If the parish facilities are rented for a non-sponsored parish event, a Hall Use/Rental form must be completed. Also need is a copy of the individual's home owner's policy. Note: Matthew 25 and the basketball program are considered parish sponsored programs.
2. St. Mary's weekly collections are not meeting the needs of the parish by approximately \$800/week. Other financial concerns are replacement/repair of the school roof and parking lot.
 - a. Recommend putting an article in the newsletter along with pictures of the needed repairs.
 - b. Stacy Holthaus shared an idea of an oral auction at the reverse raffle to raise dollars for a specific cause, i.e. new roof.
 - c. Consider the 5th Sunday collection of the month to go towards building funds
3. Note: Presently there are 693 households, 430 uses envelopes, 194 give one time a month, and 180 give nothing.
4. **Next meeting – April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm**

Old Business

A. Roof and Back Parking Lot

- a. Roof - received 4 bids on repairing the roof. Bids going to the finance committee
- b. Parking lot – Michael Jansen will contact former council member on status of parking lot project
- c. Boiler Room – Michael Jansen will contact former council member on status of boiler room project

B. Fr. George reported the repair of the church windows will continue as soon as the weather breaks.

Pastors Comments

- A. Review of the 5 Key areas that matter
- B. Distributed the 2019 committee meeting schedule

Other Information

- A. Brad Clark is developing a new website for St. Mary's Church

Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Next meeting is a joint meeting with St. Theresa, Marydale on May 14, 2019 at 7pm in the hospitality room.