



St. Mary Church, Carlyle, IL
Parish Council Meeting - 8/8/2017

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, Scott Kauling, Ron Zurliene, Virginia Middendorff, Mary Hugo (Trustee), Ellen Knolhoff (DRE), Stacy Holthaus, Cathy Guthrie, and Mike Jansen. Absent: Andy Zieren and Dale Kampwerth.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ron Zurliene, seconded by Stacy Holthaus. Motion passed.

Administration - Ron Zurliene/Scott Kauling

- Martin Roofing - they need more slate to finish church roof
- Boiler - Brefeld is expecting work to be completed by this Thursday
- Church parking lot work has been completed
- Rectory - roof needs to be repaired before it gets worse
- Basement - waiting for the boiler to be completed and will follow-up
- Air conditioning in sacristy - to be examined and/or fixed
- Stain-glassed windows - work is continuing.

Social Outreach Ministry - Cathy Guthrie

- No new report

Liturgy - Fr. George

- Did not meet.

Faith Formation - Ellen Knolhoff

- ❖ The Catechetical Leaders of the vicariate meet this Thursday. We will nail down the details of the upcoming Catechist Formation Day.
- ❖ Catechist Formation Day is Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 am to noon at Mater Dei. The topics are **The Role of the Catechist: Foundations of Being a Catechist** facilitated by Marcie Kruchten, and **Holy Scripture: A Teachers Guide for Starting a Lifetime Love for the Study of God's Inspired Word** facilitated by Deacon Glennon Netemeyer
- ❖ RCIA Organizational Meeting meets August 10 at St. Dominic Annex, Breese.
- ❖ Catechist Organizational Meeting is Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm
- ❖ The first Faith Formation session is Wednesday, August 30 with parents in attendance.

Youth Ministry - submitted by Judy Doerr

- ❖ Several of the kids volunteered their time at the pancake breakfast during Carlyle Lake's 50th Anniversary. Proceeds went to Ministerial Alliance.
- ❖ Approx 12 kids went to Holiday World with the vicariate. 13 kids went to Fugitive Beach.
- ❖ Approx. 16 kids participated in the vicariate softball league.
- ❖ Aug 6 we had a meeting to say good bye to our seniors. This group of seniors were important because they are the first group to participate all 4 years. They are the real reason YM got off the ground and grew. They will be missed. However, Tyler Guthrie has agreed to work as a student leader. He is starting to participate in the planning of meetings

Social/Recreation Ministry - Barb Crouse/Cathy Guthrie

- Parish Picnic - September 17, 2017, from 2-6 pm. Mark your calendars!
Volunteers and donations are needed. Contact Barb Crouse for more details.
- Pork Chop Dinner - Planned for October 14, 2017. Mark your calendars!

Finance - Ron Zurliene

- Met on July 27, 2017 - Fr. reported that we are \$43,000 short of breaking even this year. The main concern is the decrease in overall collections, which were down by almost \$27,000.
- Suggestion: Reverse Raffle may be earmarked for specific causes (e.g.: fix church boiler, etc).
- Possible fund raising events were discussed as our financial need is growing.

Old Business

- The retirement reception for Tina and welcoming of Kristi was well attended. Thank you to all who helped make this a memorable event.

New Business - Fr. George

- Fr. George's Letter to Parish - (See full report on purple sheet, in church)
- Finance Statement 2016-17
- Budget 2017-18

REMINDER: For your convenience, parishioners may sign-up for automatic withdrawal for their parish donations. Contact Kristi to sign up or watch for more information in the upcoming bulletin and newsletter.

Pastoral Comments

- Fr. reminds us about the importance of "Focus on 5 Key Areas that Matter!":
 - (1) **Sunday Matters** - Selection and formation of liturgical ministers, Joyful and reverent celebration, Attention to preaching, Powerful music, and Powerful music and sacred symbols.
 - (2) **Welcome Matters** - A warm welcome to visitors, A clean and pleasant parish environment, and Hospitality on holy days and at sacramental celebrations.
 - (3) **Belonging Matters** - Responding graciously to requests and offers to help, Tapping into parishioners' gifts, Offering parish-based small groups, and Engaging parishioners as partners.
 - (4) **Witness Matters** - Offering personal witness when preaching, Helping people share their faith stories, Praying at parish events and meetings and Spreading the parish's message in the community.
 - (5) **Mission Matters** - A keen observation of needs in the community and world, Undertaking charitable works and acts of justice, and A focus that permeates parish life.
- Katie Robben (Betty Robben's granddaughter) has an interesting story to tell about her teaching experience in Uganda and will be speaking in church on Sunday, August 20th.
- Learn more about the restructuring of parishes - www.diobelle.org

The next parish meeting will be September 19, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Middendorff, Parish Council Secretary