

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7PM

Members present: Fr. George, Tiffany Wesselmann, Andy Zieren, Bridget Winter, Michael Jansen, Brad Clark, Troy Hempen, Elaine Horstmann, Ed Kleber, Gerard Luebbers, Ellen Knolhoff (DRE), Mary Hugo (Trustee), and John Zieren (Trustee).

Guest: St. Ann Alter Sodality Ladies

Fr. George opened the meeting with prayer.

Alter Sodality gave a report on Basket Bingo. Was a huge success. So far they have paid \$10,000 towards the floor that was replaced in the Parish Center. They also gave a check for \$1,500 for alter supplies, candles, and wine. We appreciate their generosity and all they do for the parish.

We welcomed new members: Ed Kleber, Gerard Luebbers, and Larry Peppenhorst. We thanked Andy Zieren, Stacy Holthaus, and Mike Jansen for their service.

Paulette Evans was appointed President, Troy Hempen as Vice President, and Elaine Horstmann as Secretary.

January 14, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Troy Hempen approved the minutes and Bridget Winter second.

There is one correction: A. Administration: per Mike Jansen:

Dale Albers gave a bid of \$83,000 plus cost of excavation to concrete the parking lot.

All were in favor of the minutes as read.

Committee Reports

A. Administration: Report given by Michael Jansen

1. Parking Lot Project – Discussed all bids and options. Discussed putting up a cable or chain at the entrance to keep traffic out once the parking lot is completed to keep any type of vehicles from driving on it.. We narrowed it down to DK Concrete and Ed Kleber is checking on a bid from CTR Concrete out of Aviston. Troy Hempen is getting referrals from DK Concrete.

Action: Waiting on references from DK Concrete and bid from CTR.

2. Fr. George mentioned that the church parking lot will need to be resealed again soon.

Action: This has been tabled and will be discussed with back parking lot.

3. Bathroom for church- Troy presented a design of a possible 22 x 48 option to connect to the East door. Ed will check on a job that was just completed in Centralia. Mary Hugo will check with Duane Nordike on codes for what is needed for installation of a new bathroom.

B. Social Outreach Ministry – Report given by Tiffany Wesselmann for Paulette Evans

1. The committee met and decided they would be making casseroles in April. Date to be determined.
2. Having a clothing drive in May for Dress for Success.
3. Hosting bingo at Carlyle Healthcare Center in May.

C. Liturgy Committee – Report given by Fr. George

Have everything planned thru Easter.

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

1. On Casimir Pulaski Day, Monday March 2, the Confirmation class had their retreat and celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. Confirmandi from St. Rose and 3 candidates from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Kinmundy joined us – 34 participants. Thanks to Jackie Toennies and her team!
2. Fr. George and I are wrapping up interviews with the Confirmation class.

3. On Mar 4, we had Stations of the Cross for the Faith Formation students. Parishioners were invited to join us.
4. On Wed Mar 25, Grades 2 through 7 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After the children confess their sins and make an Act of Contrition, their sins (on slips of paper) are burned (weather permitting).
5. YM will present Shadow Stations to Faith Formation on Wed Mar 11 at 7:15 pm in the gym; parents and parishioners are invited to attend.
6. The Seventh grade class will present a Passion Play / Way of the Cross on Wed April 10 for their parents and family. Afterwards, there will be a short informational meeting discussing the service component of Confirmation.
7. We will again have the Second Grade class stand in for the apostles on Holy Thursday (April 9) and have their feet washed. The Eighth Grade Confirmation class will also participate.
8. Eighth Grade Confirmation Class will take part in the Triduum liturgies.
9. Triduum – April 9, 10, 11; Easter Sunday – April 12
10. First Communion – Sun May 3 at 10:00 am
11. Confirmation – Mon May 4, 7:00 pm at St. Cecilia, Bartelso
12. High School Graduate Recognition Mass – Sun May 17 at 10:00 am
13. Missing YM report, however, 3 kids will be attending Camp Ondessonk.

E. Social/Recreation– report given by Tiffany Wesselmann

1. Photo Directory – picture taking is in full swing. This is the last week to sign up. So far the 1st week wasn't as full but this 2nd week there are few openings available.
2. Basket Bingo was a huge success.
3. Reverse Raffle is scheduled for this Saturday, March 14, 2020. If interested in helping, contact Tiffany at 594-2225.

F. Finance Committee – Report given by Fr. George

1. Council reviewed St. Mary's accounts statement.
2. We paid \$25,000 towards the \$50,000 loan that we have at 1st National Bank. Plan to pay the rest off by April. We have another 5th Sunday this month.
3. Next finance meeting is April 16, 2020 at 6:30pm

New Business

- A. Parish Council nomination – there were quite a few nominations. More than we needed. We appreciate all the ones who accepted the nomination and the term of office.
- B. There was a generous donation of \$5000 in memory of Bud Kampwerth to be used towards a new bathroom at the church.

Pastors Comments

- A. Review of the 5 Key areas that: **Sunday, Welcome, Belonging, Witness, Mission**

Meeting adjourned with a prayer. (adjourned: Elaine Horstmann, 2nd: Bridget Winter)

Next meeting is May 12, 2020 at 7:00pm joint meeting with St. Theresa

Submitted by Tiffany Wesselmann, St. Mary's Parish Administrative Assistant