

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4/24/2018

Present were Katie Aman, Diane Beisheim, Bill Clare, David Cross, Maureen Emerson, Kathy Franca, Father Bob, Rich Hailstone, Georgeanne Hogan, Dave Kepler, Mary May, Kathy Osterberg, John Simmons, Ron Torcello, and Jim Ziobro.

1. We opened with the Liturgy of the Hours.
2. Diocesan Updates: Our collections for the Catholic Ministries Appeal are \$52,854.25, which is only 83% of our goal.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Building & Grounds: During a recent wind storm the flag pole and a pine tree in front of church were blown over. The flag pole has been repaired and the tree removed. A work detail is planned for May 5 to repair winter damage to the lawn and the driveway. An electrical problem has killed our organ. It's too old to repair. Bids are being sought for work on the trim around the dome and ceiling in the back hall of the church. This might include new light fixtures in the back hall and/or an energy audit. The heat run in the sacristy needs cleaning. Dave will troubleshoot exterior lighting issues. The exterior doors in the church should have crash bars. Safety inspections discovered, that no, the heat and smoke detectors are not wired to a central alarm. Two carbon monoxide detectors will be installed in church and one in the rectory. At the rectory the upstairs ceiling will be painted while Fr. Bob is away. The basement needs cleaning, and a high gas bill indicates an energy audit is needed. The steps at the front and back doors are settling and not level.
 - b. Family Life: On May 4 at 7:30 Eric Traugott will chair a Blast from the Past musical presentation with music from the past fifty years. Admission of \$7 will go towards our youth and young-adult ministry. On June 24, the Parish Council will chair a cake-and-ice cream birthday party. Katie, Dianne, Maureen, and Georgeanne will be our subcommittee to plan the party. Our annual Broadway musical evening will be our anniversary celebration in August. A family night with a movie and/or outside games and refreshments is planned for September 21. Two days later on Sept. 23, Bishop Matano will be here for the 10:00 Mass (the only Mass that day). The parish picnic will follow. October's celebration will feature some of our previous deacons preaching at Mass. November will feature a Monte Carlo night and our Mass of Remembrance. In December we will prepare a new time capsule for the future parishioners to reflect what it was like back in 2018.

- c. Finance: Kathy Osterberg brought with her a full set of financial statements for the last Finance committee meeting. She reported that the Finance committee has reviewed contractor quotes for the work that's needed on the dome in church and is seeking another estimate. They also are following up on the replacement of the furnace in the rectory. The Finance committee also has arranged for the repair of the rectory roof, as it was damaged in the recent storm. They addressed the problem of what to do about the church organ. Options are looking for a used organ or do without an organ and use the electronic piano, whether the present one or a new one. The Diocese is sending another audit in April. Father Bob has reviewed the question of replacing the chairs in church with pews. It seems the NCCB and Bishop Matano have asked that they be replaced.
- d. Human Services: Patrick Place is completed, and part of our monthly food collection will be donated to them. A notice will be placed in the bulletin reminding everyone of this monthly collection. Two members of the committee will be attending a diocesan conference on needs in the diocese.
- e. Liturgy: The committee reviewed the Triduum and Easter ceremonies concluding that they all moved smoothly and were well received. They continue the search for a new choir director. Pat Brown and Janet Lavell have agreed to serve as our director of environment upon the retiring of Dee Milner. All agreed that they were pleased by Father Bob's instructions on the reverence due to the cup at Mass. We hope it will foster a renewed realization that Jesus is truly present in both forms of the Eucharist.

4. Parish Council Business

Katie reported that her chocolate fountain has been well received at Roberts. She hopes to use it again to attract students to her Catholic social organization at Roberts. She has also arranged for Bishop Matano to say Mass at Roberts on 10/18.

We did all this work in a short amount of time. We closed with a prayer by 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary May

