

Church of St. Mary Administration Council Minutes
February 15, 2018

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dale Johnson.
- II. Prayer was led by Fr. Bob Mraz.
- III. Members present: Dale Johnson, John Lanoue, Tony Rolling, Gary Peterson, Fr. Bob Mraz, Jan LaVoy & Elise Lanoue. Also present: Ashley Benson RE Director.
- IV. Minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting were approved on a LaVoy/Peterson motion.
- V. REPORTS:
 1. Monthly reports were reviewed.
 2. DMA as of 1-09-18. \$9,995.28 goal; \$9,245.00 pledged by 33 donors.
 3. St. Mary's School: Catholic schools week was a success. Pre-school/K open house will be March 8, 2018 from 5:30-7 p.m. Kindergarten Round-up is March 21 at 9:30 a.m. There have been some heating and plumbing issues in the past month in the school building. We think they have been taken care of. The boiler yearly inspection is coming soon. Things are going well at the school thanks to new administration. It was suggested that Amazon Smile be looked into as another SCRIPT type fundraiser for the school.
 4. Religious Education: Frozen food fundraiser profits down and a new fundraiser is being looked at. First Reconciliation Retreat & First Confessions was January 20, 2018 with 4 St. Mary's School students, 4 St. Mary Religious Ed and 3 Milroy students in attendance. Chili & Soup Cook-off and supper will be held March 4 at St. Michael's. The Valentine dinner February 11 sponsored by CHWC was a success and net profit was \$1,500.00.
 5. Area Faith Community Report: The meeting with the Bishop was well attended over at Milroy, February 12. Fr. Bob read a letter from Bishop LaVoor that will be in this Sunday's bulletin in regard to this meeting and announcing that Sunday, June 10, 2018 will be St Paul's final weekend mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday mass that weekend, June 9 will be in St. Mary's. Tom Kavanney representing the Diocesan Plan for Parishes would like to meet with the Area Faith Community council and other councils on March 13 at 6:30 at St. Mary's.
 6. Liturgy Meeting:
 - a. Stations of the Cross during lent will be Friday at 2 p.m. St. Mary's with school children; 5:30 pm Fridays at Walnut Grove; Wednesdays 6:45 pm Milroy.
 - b. Donations for Easter flowers. Milroy has envelopes in the pack for this, Patty Peterson will get form ready for Tracy and Walnut Grove bulletins.
 - c. Penance Service at St. Mary's March 18 at 1:30 p.m.
 - d. Breakfast Fundraiser for the Needy will be held at Milroy, March 18.

- e. Chrism Mass will be March 22 at 7 pm. Holy Trinity Cathedral in New Ulm.
 - f. Holy Thursday March 29 7:30 pm Milroy; Good Friday March 30 3 p.m. Tracy; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil March 31 Walnut Grove 8:15 pm; Easter Sunday April 1 8:30 am Milroy & 10:30 Tracy. Hoping to have a combined choir.
7. Adult Ed: RCIA 3 members Sundays at 6:30 Tracy. St. Matthew Bible Study Wednesdays 4:30 Joe Cooreman's in Balaton; The Wild Goose is Loose study on the Holy Spirit Wednesdays & Sundays at Milroy with 26 participants; The Wild Goose is Loose study Wednesdays at 9:30 Vince Lanoue home Tracy. Please use FORMED on the internet. You can sign up for daily emails during lent and there is also a section for kids.

VI. BUSINESS:

1. We are beginning to supply the Our Sunday Visitor with information needed to run our increased giving program. First items need to be submitted by March 12. Elise Lanoue will update the mailing list. Parish secretary will run the Sunday offertory information. Fr. Mraz will print the parish mission statement and submit the 7 pictures requested. Council chose the title of our drive to be **Faithful Living – Grateful Giving** and the brochure color to be blue. Our list of ministries are: CCW, KC's, St. Mary's School, RE, People's Club, bible study groups, Mission Group, Pie Project, Cemetery Board, RCIA, Lectors, Cantors, Area Faith Community, Children's Liturgy, Admin Council, Ed Committee, Prayer Network and Hospitality Committee.
2. School window project: We are at about \$7,000.00 in the fund and waiting for it to reach \$9,000.00 to do another bay on back of parish education building.
3. Money owed to Diocese is still at \$66,474.00. Plan to borrow against Endowment.
4. Sump pump in rectory basement still needed. Dale Johnson continues to work on this.
5. December 17 Raffle take in of \$4,265.00 minus \$700.00 in expense and prizes. \$3,565.00 profit. Motion made by Lanoue to move this profit out of gambling account and seconded by Rolling; motion carried.
6. New bulletin ad page will appear in bulletin this weekend. The third weekend in February and will continue through this time next year. Total profit of \$9,500.00.
7. St. Mary's Parish Dinner, Raffle, Silent Auction is Sunday, March 25, 2018.
8. Council is welcoming anyone from the St. Paul, Walnut Grove parish to join in any of our ministries at St. Mary's.

VII. Next meeting March 15, 2018 6 p.m.

VIII. Closing prayer was led by Fr. Bob.

IX. Meeting adjourned.