

Our Lady of the Visitation

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 12, 2023 / 7:30-8:30PM / Social Hall

In attendance: Father Ben, Lyn, Mary, Marie, Rich, Joe C, Andrea, Rebecca, Joseph Z (zoom)

Opening Prayer- Rich

Minutes to Approve – Andrea made motion, Rich 2nd, All Approve Nov 2022 and March 2023

Father Ben leads discussion –

1. Recap on Easter Masses
2. Stations of the Cross, indoor and outside near the rail trail
3. 2 members joined the church on Easter through RCIA

Quick Review of church programs

1. Youth Group and RCIA – needs to be delegated properly, 6-8 youths and 1-2 RCIA attend
2. Book of the Month – relaunch, reorganize program
3. Alter servers – more to train – also need to delegate task and process
4. Home bound and Visitation Ministries – successful ministries with community support
5. Women Bible Study – regrouping with more discussion to come
6. Small groups in Parish – potluck lunches, coffee hour – need to develop committees for continued support / how can this grow? Coffee hour 1 time a month to extend after 11AM Mass

Maintenance

1. Handrails for the steps to the alter – waiting on estimates
2. Gas line – quotes collected, work complete, \$1000 discount because the job was more simple than estimated
3. Joseph Z – commented on multi purpose use of community room, picnic tables outdoors, gathering places
4. Father Ben – security cameras, working on a plan for a second camera

Programs

1. Run with the Priest – warmer weather, hoping for more attendance
2. Pot Luck, continues to be successful
3. Coffee Hour – successful, volunteers always needed to sign up
4. Adoration Fridays – attendance is growing
5. New Alter Clothes – all 4 colors, new and some donated
6. Egg Hunt – 100 people signed up, egg hunt and lunch
7. Summer Activities to keep engaged with the church, fall activities to plan?
8. Adult Education planning

Choir Loft, Stage area –

1. Estimates discussed, handouts for visual understanding
2. Create survey for choir loft modifications and or construction
3. Cost examples comparison, church in Dauphin built new church 1.7million 10 years ago, construction projects have double or more in price

Next Meeting – May 24th / 7:30 – 8:30PM / Social Hall

Closing prayer – Rich

Minutes – Rebecca G