

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 2018

Present were Ron Torcello, David Cross, Deb Smarsh, John Simmons, Jim Ziobro, Fr. Bob, Katie Amann, Kathy Franca, Rich Hailstone, Bill Clare, Deacon Dave, Mary May, Georgeanne Hogan, Dianne Beisheim, and Maureen Emerson.

1. We opened with an Our Father.
2. Kathy Franca moved that the minutes be approved. There was no second.
3. Diocesan Updates: Our collections for the Catholic Ministries Appeal total about \$45,000 which is about 71% of our goal of \$63,000. The roof repair is finished and inspected by representatives of both the parish and the diocese. Payment of 95% of the bill was approved, with 5% held back for repair of the damage to the lawn in the Spring.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Building and Grounds: Dave told us that the trees along the property line that abuts the apartments were trimmed by utility companies, but some big dead trees remain. Tree removal along the ditch between the church and rectory will continue in the Spring. Winter inspections of the grounds will examine heat and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and panic bars on the doors in church, in particular. The interior of the dome over the tabernacle and the ceiling in the back hall need to have the areas impacted by the roof work repaired, and minor work on outside lights is still needed.
  - b. Family Life: no report
  - c. Finance: Fr. Bob discussed in general Communis, where St. Christopher's has funds invested. We were forewarned that the furnace at the rectory is very old and might need replacement soon. Celeste Dynski-Trumble is leaving. Father Bob will consider whether to combine the positions of music director and church environment. The State of the Parish talks will be given the weekend of January 28, 29 by members of the Finance Committee.
  - d. Human Services: reported that 400 pounds of food for Free to Fly were collected. 2 persons have graduated the 5-year Free to Fly Program. A large collection of baby clothing from our Christmas cradles was delivered to the women's care center.
  - e. Liturgy/Music: On the Sunday before Martin Luther King Day we will sing *Let There Be Peace on Earth*.  
On the weekend of Jan 20/21 the director from Patrick Place will speak at all Masses in hopes of getting volunteers and/or donated items.

Our theme for Lent will be *Create a Pure Heart in Me, O Lord*. Images for the electronic display and the Communion meditations will be in keeping with this theme. Masses for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 will be at 9 am and 7 pm. A Lenten retreat will be held Feb. 26 – Feb. 28. Fr. Michael Costik will speak. Sessions will be held at St. Mary's on Monday and at St. Christopher's on Wednesday. Confessions will be available on Wednesday. The location of Tuesday's session has not yet been determined. Again, Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Lenten Fridays at 7 pm. Confessions will be heard one hour before Stations begin.

#### 5. Parish Council Business

- a. AED training: Father Bob reported that the AED is installed in the back hall of the church outside the boiler room. There is a log on the case to monitor usage and to check the battery. It should be checked weekly. We are offered slots for 20 people to get training, and we have at least 30 people who have already been trained on the device. Training dates offered are 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, and 4/19. The location is CHS Mobile Integrated Health Care, Inc. at 280 Calkins Road, Rochester, 14623. Sign-up sheets for those willing to be trained will be put in church.
- b. Parish Anniversary Update: A banner is hung over the main doors of the church, luminaries were placed throughout the church to open the celebrations on New Year's Day, and we have found the time capsule behind the dedication plaque in the main entrance.  
On Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday, we will have a pancake breakfast after the 9 am Mass and a soup and salad supper at 5:30 before the 7 pm Mass. Plans for subsequent monthly celebrations are as follows: an anniversary celebration in Feb., the Seder supper in March, a Blast from the Past party in April/May, a birthday party in June (June 23 is the actual anniversary), our annual Broadway Night in August, a Mass with Bishop Matano in September, deacons who have served at St. Christopher's will be invited to celebrate at a Mass in Oct., a Mass of Remembrance honoring parishioners who have passed on in Nov., a passing of the torch to future parishioners in Dec. Georgeanne told us that she has volunteered Parish Council to chair the June birthday celebration.

We closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Mary May