

Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Council Minutes

May 18, 2017

St. Paul's, Walnut Grove

Attending: Father Bob Mraz, Amy Robertson, Don Schmidt, Becky Knakmuhs, Maydra Maas, Patty Lessman, Rose Warner

Call to Order: Father Bob

Opening Prayer: Rose Warner

Minutes: Approved as printed

Agenda: Approved with no additions

Business:

- A.) Don Schmidt reported on the St. Michael's Council meeting.
 - 1. Need to paint inside Church—looking at options got bids from John Meesan in Springfield. Also, contacting St. Patrick's Guild to get ideas.
 - 2. Catholic Mutual insurance toured
 - 3. Endowment given to help needy was discussed
 - 4. Need Laptop computer replacement for Religious Education
- B.) St. Mary's Tracy Report
 - 1. Still need to find one new member for this committee
 - 2. Greg Shaw stressed urgent need for funds. There is an unemployment CD of \$13,379.53.
 - 3. Accreditation is complete and waiting for results
 - 4. Window project—council recommended completing two windows this summer as there are funds for that.
- C.) St. Mary's School Report
 - 1. Jan LaVoy is retiring as cook
 - 2. Mindy Otto is leaving SMS. Breann Nilius has been hired for Kindergarten
 - 3. Vicki Streifel resigned as music teacher
 - 4. May 17 was 6th grade graduation and senior high school awards
 - 5. May 18 Stars program and end of year awards
 - 6. May 18 Family picnic
 - 7. May 19 5th/6th grade trip to Twin Cities
 - 8. May 19 final SCRIP order
 - 9. May 23 Track and Field Day
 - 10. May 25 last day of school
- D.) Religious Education Report given by Amy Robertson
 - 1. Catechist meeting held when classes were finished for the year with good ideas shared
 - 2. Looking at Catholic Connections curriculum for grades 7/8. Can purchases used.
 - 3. Catholic Heart Work Camp is June 17-24
 - 4. Vacation Bible School is July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. Earthkeepers is the theme
 - 5. Discussed Totus Tuus program for Grades 1-6 and 7-12
 - 6. Baccalaoreate Sun. May 21
 - 7. TMB and WWG graduation May 28
- E.) Adult Ed. RCIA Sundays at 1:00
- F.) St. Mary's Business
 - 1. It was decided to give 3% salary raise for 2017 and 2018
 - 2. Insurance increase of 32%. Offer of \$5000 deductible would be 1% increase or keep \$1000 deductible with paying additional premiums will be discussed with staff
 - 3. Asking \$7000 for donated Hyundai

4. There is a loose shingle on church roof over by Sacristy door and leaking into choir loft. Father Bob has talked to Diocese that there have been no results from insurance claim on roof from several years ago.
 5. No response back on the Church Sound System bid being broken down into phases.
- G.) St. Paul's Walnut Grove
1. July 22 or 29 Pageant Supper
 2. New lector Bonnie Dubler
 3. Changing of CCW officers
 4. Spring Luncheon-No report on amounts
 5. Raffle still getting money
 6. Church cleaning fund still getting money
- H.) Misc. Business
1. Sun. Mar. 26 was St. Mary's Dinner
 2. Blessing of Cross by Bishop Apr. 2
 3. Law suits ongoing
 4. Diocese Bankruptcy-not much to report
- I.) Social Concerns
1. Banquet
 2. Prayer Shawl ministry is waiting for 20 shawls
 3. CCW Fellowship meal St Mary's June 25
 4. July 12 Kiwanis Flower Tour
- J.) Stewardship—DMA as of May 16
1. Milroy Goal \$5625.24 with \$5164 pledged by 16 donors. Fall collection goal \$20,000 with \$15,028.41 given to date.
 2. Tracy Goal \$10, 110.22 with \$9543.00 pledged by 32 donors
 3. Walnut Grove \$3344.74 with \$3020 pledged by 12 donors
- K.) Liturgy
1. Sun. May 14 Mother's Day
 2. Sun. May 21 Baccalaureate
 3. Sun. May 28 Ascension of the Lord
 4. Mon. May 29 Memorial Day
 5. Sun. June 4 Pentecost
 6. Sun. June 11 Trinity Sunday
 7. Sun. June 18 Corpus Christi--Mission Coop Appeal-Rochester Franciscans speaking. Also Father's Day Blessing
 8. Sun. June 25-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Closing Prayer—Don Schmidt

Next Meeting: Wed. July 19 at 6:30 at St. Michael's in Milroy
Adjourn

Opening Prayer: Becky Knakmuhs

Closing Prayer: Maydra Maas