

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2017

Present: Ron Torcello, Mary May, Rich Hailstone, John Simmons, Dianne Beisheim, Georgeanne Hogan, Father Bob, Katie Amann, Deb Smarsh, Kathy Franca, Maureen Emerson, Bill Clare, Kathy Osterberg.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve made by Kathy Franca, seconded by Bill Clare.
3. Diocesan Updates: Our receipts for the CMA total \$30,245. Our goal is just under \$62,000. After incorrect projected start dates, the safety rails have been placed on the roof in preparation for repairs. We have not yet advanced any money for supplies.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Building and Grounds: no report
 - b. Family Life: has made preparations for a cookie exchange for Dec. 16. They have planned a pot-luck supper for January.
 - c. Finance: Kathy Osterberg was pleased with the training she has recently had. She is able to produce reports with more confidence in the program. The diocesan audit found several minor deficiencies, mostly in terms of checks and balances in handling money. These are being resolved, and a follow-up audit is scheduled in March.
 - d. Human Services: The food collected at our Thanksgiving liturgy will be donated to Free To Fly. Most of the requests for presents on the giving tree were not from parishioners. They have all been taken, and a committee is well suited to follow up.
 - e. Liturgy: Masses on the feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at 9 am and 7 pm. A penance service will be held on Tuesday, December 12. A healing Mass has been planned for 7 pm on December 13 at Good Shepherd church. *A Time of Holy Waiting* has been chosen for our theme for Advent. A Lenten retreat has been planned. Sessions will be celebrated on Feb. 26, Feb. 27, and Feb. 28. The Feb. 28 session will be here at St. Christopher's and will include a penance service.
 - f. Eucharist Ministry: The group has distributed lap robes, hats, afghans, and shrugs to various agencies.
 - g. Music Ministry: no report

5. Parish Council Old Business

Dianne Beisheim had the names tags for all council members to wear at weekend Masses.

The Automatic External Defibrillator will be installed on the wall next to the door to the boiler room. Karen Curtis will monitor it regularly. We will be allowed to schedule one training session for up to twenty people. After we know which parishioners are

qualified, Karen will set up a schedule to be sure that someone with training will be at every Mass.

A tentative schedule of activities to celebrate monthly the parish's fiftieth anniversary was presented to the council. The plans will require volunteers to carry out. If workers are not forthcoming, the events will be downsized to only three or four. A copy of the proposed celebrations by month will be posted at the entrances requesting people to volunteer with that one activity. The proposed schedule includes a kickoff event with banners, decorations, a power-point presentation, and interviews with people in January. February will have a marriage celebration for couples who were married at St. Christopher's with a reception. We will invite Bishop Clark to preside at our Seder Supper in March. Sometime in April or May we will have a reception highlighting a history of the parish with hors d'oeuvres and desserts, famous old songs, and pictures. In June we'll have a birthday party with cake and ice cream and invite people who have served the parish in various roles. August will bring our Night on Broadway. September will bring a Mass with Bishop Matano, followed by opening of the time capsule buried fifty years ago. We also plan a carnival and activities Friday through Sunday with a pig roast or food trucks. In October we'll invite past deacons to come preach at the weekend Masses. Our Mass of Remembrance in November will honor the many people who have been buried from St. Christopher's. In December we'll bury a new time capsule that will include people's hopes for St. Christopher's future, have a sign-up for liturgical ministers, a torch will be passed.

6. Parish Council New Business

In view of the terrible acts of violence in public places, Ron Torcello brought up the issue of security at church. All were in agreement that arming ourselves is not an option. Discussion of this topic took place, but we did not arrive at any decisions.

We closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Mary May