

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2018

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

1. We opened with the Liturgy of the Hours.
2. The minutes of our January meeting were approved.
3. Diocesan: Our collections for the Catholic Ministries Appeal total \$51,000 which is 80% of our goal. 271 people have contributed.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Building and Grounds: No report.
  - b. Family Life: The celebrations on Ash Wednesday were a success with about fifty people present at each of the meals before and after Mass.
  - c. Finance: No report. Their meeting is February 21.
  - d. Human Services: Over 300 pounds of food from our Thanksgiving collection were delivered to Free to Fly. For Lent, we will ask for medical donations to be taken to Haiti by a group of medical students from the University of Buffalo. The collection of supplies will take place the weekends of March 11 and March 18. The Tree of Lights program brought in \$345.00 which was sent to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.
  - e. Liturgy/Music: Our Lenten plans include a collection of last year's palms to be used to start the new fire at the Easter vigil; praying the Kyrie Eleison at the penitential rite during Mass; Confessions, Stations of the Cross, and Benediction will be celebrated every Friday evening; and a retreat on February 26, 27, 28. The retreat will be led by Fr. Michael Costik at Guardian Angels parish, St. Mary's and St. Christopher's. The retreat will include a Penance service. Other plans include a day of Mercy and Penance on March 14 when Confessions will be available from noon to 7:30 pm and a healing service led by Fr. Bob at St. Lawrence church on March 21. During Lent three reflection groups will be held, one at 9 am on Saturday morning, one Wednesday evening, and one on Wednesday morning at 11 am. Dates to be remembered:  
March 25 -Seder supper  
March 3 – Faith Formation retreat  
March 27 – Chrism Mass

The Holy Thursday service will begin at 7:30 pm. Good Friday service is at 3, and the Living Stations are at 7:30. The Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 7:30 pm. Easter Sunday Masses are at 9 am and 11 am. It was decided that an environmental director will be hired for the parish who will also serve as our parish sacristan. A meeting will be scheduled for the music ministers and Fr. Bob to decide how to move forward in the search for a music director. A table has been ordered on which to place the tabernacle.

5. Parish Council Business

- a. AED training will take place on Feb. 22.

Georgeanne told us there is a phone app available to connect us with our scheduling for ministers program.

It was suggested that we add a "Sharing Discussion" section to our agenda to facilitate brainstorming.

We closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Mary May

