

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2017

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

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve made by Dianne Beisheim, seconded by Katie Amann.
3. Diocesan Updates: Father Bob reported that the return for this year's CMA appeal is at about 13% of our goal.  
Roof construction is scheduled to begin October 23. A question of oversight of the repairs was referred to the roof committee.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Building and Grounds: Dave Kepler reported that RG&E will be taking care of the dead ash trees that are on the border between our property and the apartments.
  - b. Family Life: no report
  - c. Finance: Kathy Osterberg told us that the diocesan auditors have requested that each member of the parish council sign a conflict-of-interest form.  
The budget for the year is finished.
  - d. Human Services: Dave reported that the clothing collected by their committee went to Mary's Place, which services refugees, St. Luke's for distribution to migrant workers, and baby things were taken to the Women's Care Center.  
The food collected at our Thanksgiving liturgy will be donated to Free To Fly.  
Suggestions were requested for a charity to bless from the receipts of our Christmas Giving Tree.
  - e. Liturgy: A workshop to train new volunteers for sacristan, lectors and Eucharistic ministers was held on October 7.  
On the weekend of October 22 at Mass, the Confirmation students will bless the younger children in attendance and pledge to help and support them against any type of bullying.  
Preparations have been made for parishioners' participation in the Masses of Remembrance in November.  
To commemorate the feast of Christ the King, we'll have a Taize prayer service on Sunday, November 26. The service will center on the Blessed Sacrament.

*A Time of Holy Waiting* has been chosen for our theme for Advent. Since Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year, there will be only one Mass on Sunday at 10 a.m. The Christmas Eve schedule will have Mass at 5:00, 7:30, and 11:00 p.m.

f. Eucharist Ministry: no report

g. Music Ministry: no report

5. Parish Council Old Business

Dianne Beisheim read a letter from Henrietta Ambulance offering us a reconditioned Automatic External Defibrillator and training for twenty people for only \$350. With a show of hands, we all approved the motion to follow up on that. Diane will contact them about the time for installation and training of parishioners and will report at our next meeting on November 21.

The issue of a weekend to encourage new members to committees (a committee fair) was tabled, as was the question of whether our parish council covenant should be updated.

ACTION ITEM: Dianne Beisheim will get name tags for all parish council members to wear at weekend Masses.

6. Parish Council New Business

Plans are under way for several different commemorations of our fiftieth anniversary to be spaced over the course of the whole year.

ACTION ITEM: Dave Kepler and Maureen Emerson volunteered to track founding members to find where they are now.

Georgianne suggested that to keep communication going between the council and the parishioners, a message from the council at various times throughout the year should be posted in the bulletin. Will all submit to Georgianne via email suggestions for the bulletin prayer that we might have. By November 3.

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ACTION ITEM: We all will submit to Georgianne via email any suggestions we might have, bearing in mind that a message for All Saints' Day should be placed soon.

The meeting dates (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month) are: 11/21, 12/19, 1/16/18, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17 if needed, 8/21 if needed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary May

