

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 5, 2019

I. Call to Order: 6:05 PM Tim, adjunct president

- A. Alyssa lead prayer by Joyce Rupp
- B. Roll call: Absent – Todd, Brigid, & Jeanine

II. Recommended Actions:

- A. Approval of minutes – Motion made by Lee Ann, Marge approved
- B. Approval of agenda – Motion made by Gina, Lee Ann approved

III. Old Business:

- A. Parish Calendar Review
 - a. St. Patrick Day's Breakfast – Sunday, March 17th – Kaitlin takes care of advertising. Marge and Jeanine will be chairs (find volunteers to help serve). Menu: scrambled eggs, hash browns, Thielen sausage & homemade rolls
 - b. Summer Block Party: Gina questioned if we will do a summer block party in June to take the place of the Summer Breakfast and last year's 150th Celebration. A decision will be made at the March meeting.
 - c. May Graduation Breakfast – Tim and Jeff Massmann will coordinate the breakfast (Sunday, May 19, 2019)
- B. Financial Review – Leah Schilling (bookkeeper for St. Mary's) visited to answer any questions by the Council. Overall, we are at 58% (8th month). Leah addresses envelopes adult giving is 62.5%, which is right where we want to be
 - a. We grossed \$17,000 at Christmas Bazaar (Kaitlin previously reported \$13,000). Leah assured that we did not lose money on the Christmas Bazaar..
 - b. Questions have been asked about St. Mary's school contribution – the church is assessed (line 5112); \$255,179 (pays for the MOL corporation). All churches are assessed and contribute different amounts.
 - c. The St. Cloud Visitor money (line 4202) goes to offset St. Mary's cost to pay for the Visitor for the parishioners. The parish is assessed at a certain amount and when people pay via their envelopes that money helps offset what the church has to pay.
 - d. Questions about Living the Promise (line 5113.1). It is a \$1,025 MOL grant.

- e. Parish Life – (Line 5122) Leah ran a report on that and it was Fr. Joe's going away party. The party was split three ways.
- C. Chapel Project Update – The chairs for the new chapel have arrived. Granite should be installed by the end of March. People are not interested in painting brick, because it is so permanent. Leah asks is it alright to have the janitor to start scrubbing and putting labor into it? Gina inquires if Sentence-to-Serve can do the labor. While they would be a great asset there is a concern because the laborers would need access to a bathroom, a meal served, and it would have to be done on a day when school is not in session. Service Master cleaned a small space, and although it took a long time, and is expensive, it looks great! Council approved the moving forward of the brick cleaning in order to allow the carpets to be cleaned, ceiling painted, lighting changed, and granite installed.
- D. Christmas Basket Update – This was Mary Surma's last year chairing the Christmas Baskets. She received \$1200 from a second collection for Coborn's and Walmart. The program needs a second collection because the cost of food has increased. She mentioned in the bulletin a special thanks to her packers. 38 families received these baskets.
- E. Epiphany Breakfast Update – Update will be given in March due to Jeanine's absence.

IV. New Business

- A. Liturgist Position - Helen Pikal will be retiring after Pentecost. The council thanks Helen for her dedication over the years. Helen has recommended Angela Gau for a replacement. Angela has not been approached. It is too early to say what the position will look like. Fr. Ben will start to work on this. It is much appreciated that Helen has given a good window to start these discussions before she retires.
- B. 2019 Election – Parish Council elections will be in April, but Kaitlin will be gone in March, so we are talking about it now. There will be 4 openings on our Parish Council for the next round. Three going out: Jeanine, Tim and Marge. All three have served 2 consecutive terms. Their responsibilities will be calling those nominated and seeing if they will accept. Exact weekend dates for nominations and elections in the Tri-Parish will be decided in March.

V. Committee Updates

- A. Social Concerns – Lee Ann has no updates from her social concerns contacts.
- B. Parish Life - Melissa's message: She is reading *Rebuilt*, and states, "Parish life should be more than breakfast after mass." She will give an update at the meeting in March.
- C. Outreach – Gina has no update.
- D. Liturgy - Fr. Matthew Langager shares sacristan training on Saturday, Feb 9 after 4:30 p.m. Mass with the intention to "get everyone on the same page; educate them in liturgical practices, correct procedures."
- E. Maintenance - Tim has no update. It was discussed that prior committee member walked the grounds once a year to spot any issues that needed to be discussed.
- F. Finance – Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- G. Stewardship – Alyssa has not update, but will share in March. Fr. Ben will be discussing stewardship opportunities at the Tri-Parish meeting.
- H. Cemeteries – Will be discussed in March.

Motion to adjourn-Tim; second-Gina

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 – St. Mary's basement

SUBMITTED BY ALYSSA LEBLANC