



St. Mary Church, Carlyle, IL
Parish Council Meeting - 9/19/2017
Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Barb Crouse called the meeting to order and Fr. George led the group in prayer.

Roll call: Fr. George Mauck, Barb Crouse, Ron Zurliene, Virginia Middendorff, Ellen Knolhoff (DRE), Cathy Guthrie, Mike Jansen, Dale Kampwerth, John Zieren (Trustee), and Andy Zieren. Absent: Scott Kauling and Stacy Holthaus.

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Andy Zieren, seconded by Dale Kampwerth. Motion passed.

Theresa Wuebbels, St Mary's parish representative to help/support lay ministry, reported on her first **Into the Vineyard** meeting on September 16th - 152 people from 80 parishes attended.

- Bishop Braxton's emphasized that People are the Church, not the buildings.
 - We need to work at coming together and need to connect with our partner parishes
 - Jesus was the sacramental encounter of God; the Church is the sacramental encounter of Jesus and each one of us is the sacramental encounter of the Church. We're all in this together.
- Monsignor Myler worked with the group on understanding the role of Parish Councils.
 - What they do: Act as advisory to Pastor and are the visionaries of the parish.
 - How they assist in areas such as administration, finances, outreach, liturgy, and faith formation.
 - Gave examples of possible Parish Council Agendas
- For more details see [http://www. diobelle.org/offices/into-my-vineyard](http://www.diobelle.org/offices/into-my-vineyard)

Administration - Ron Zurliene

- Martin Roofing - completed what they could with the slate that was available and adjusted the final costs. Ron to follow-up with them to get a final report.
- Boiler - work is completed. Fr. is in receipt of the permit.
- Basement - Working on finding someone to do the masonry work. The plan is to block it off, so water doesn't come in and then close the window off.
- Rectory - The roof has been repaired for the time being. Further work on the rectory is still being discussed until a budget can be set to address the safety issues.

Social Outreach Ministry - Cathy Guthrie

- Met on August 23. Passing out the pans for Cosgrove Kitchen on October 14-15 and collecting them on October 21-22.
- Next meeting, October 11 to discuss ornaments for Christmas trees with donations going to Hoyleton Children's Home.

Liturgy - Fr. George

- Met on September 14 and went through liturgy from now through Thanksgiving.
- Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints Day. Mass of Faith Formation that evening.
- First Sunday of Advent - December 3
- Ministry of usher - meeting after each liturgy one weekend to remind those of responsibilities
 - Training ushers/parishioners on how to work with a defibrillator after mass. Watch for the announcement.
- Discussed gift bearers - sign-ups.

Faith Formation - Ellen Knolhoff

- ❖ RCIA met on September 11 at St. Dominic Annex, Breese with five inquirers from St. Mary's.

- ❖ Three catechists, Kim Richter, Joan Timmermann, and Sara Henss, attended the Catechist Formation Day at Mater Dei. The topic was Role of the Catechist and Holy Scripture.
- ❖ The first Faith Formation session was Wednesday, August 30 with parents in attendance. Parents were reminded that they are the primary teachers of the faith, through word and action and then were blessed. 143 children are registered, still waiting to hear from 2 families.
- ❖ Wednesday, September 27 - Parent Confirmation meeting in the cafeteria.
- ❖ Wednesday, October 11 - Confirmation class to attend Confirmation Rally at OLS Shrine
- ❖ Wednesday, October 11 - Parent First Reconciliation meeting at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.
- ❖ Continuing Hallway Prayer for Faith Formation.
- ❖ Initial Child Protection Training with five (5) St. Mary coaches and one (1) from St. Barbara/Okawville in attendance. More training is being planned for basketball parents.

Youth Ministry (YM) - submitted by Judy Doerr

- ❖ YM worked the K of C breakfast and volunteered at the parish picnic.
- ❖ Saturday, October 14 - YM will also volunteer for various duties at parish Pork Chop Dinner.
- ❖ YM will perform community service by helping at the Carlyle Haunted Trail with proceeds to benefit the Fourth of July Fireworks.
- ❖ Christina Mioux is attending the NCYC with Breese. YM has donated to help her, but she is still looking for donations or ways to raise money to offset the cost, which is \$500 just to get there and stay.

Social/Recreation Ministry - Barb Crouse/Cathy Guthrie

- Parish Picnic was well attended despite being moved to the Parish Center/Gym. Over 110 adults attended with their families and was enjoyed by all
- Pork Chop Dinner - October 14, 2017. Tickets will be sold by the Youth Ministry prior to masses, or you can contact any council member or the office. The committee is meeting Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 pm
- Basketball Program: Basketball signups underway. The program is ready for the season and is looking for cheerleaders for home games and tournaments. Bob and Chris Gustafson have started making plans for changes/improvements to the overall program.

Finance - Ron Zurliene

- No new report. Next meeting - November 2, 2017

Old Business

- No old business

New Business - Fr. George

- October 10 - Joint meeting with St. Teresa, Marydale

Pastoral Comments

- Fr. reminded us about the importance of "Focus on 5 Key Areas that Matter!":
 - (1) **Sunday Matters**
 - (2) **Welcome Matters**
 - (3) **Belonging Matters**
 - (4) **Witness Matters**
 - (5) **Mission Matters**
- Sunday, October 8 - CHFS Breakfast
- Discussed shortage of priests as 20 priests are of retirement age
- Stats: Enrollment of 22 Mater Dei students is up a little bit

The next parish meeting with St. Teresa/Marydale October 10, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Middendorff, Parish Council Secretary