**St. Mary’s Parish Council Meeting**

**December 4, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Adella Boeding. Motion: Bob Schierbrock. Second: Pat Krogmeier

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Jill Garmoe.

**Roll Call**

Present: Father Hoffman, Jill Garmoe, Becky Moran, Anthony Schulte, Adella Boeding, Bob Schierbrock, Pat Krogmeier, Absent: Jack Blindt, Roger Fullenkamp, Ray Menke

Guest: Rebecca Hannum

**Consent Agenda Approved**

Jill made a motioned to approve the November minutes and the December agenda with changes to the agenda. Becky seconded it.

**Director of Religious Education Report**

A report was handed to the council, submitted by Dixie Booten.

**Church Maintenance**

No report.

**School Board**

No report. Spanish will continue to be taught through an online program. The discussion will now be closed for the council.

**Financial Report**

No report. Rebecca emailed about Department of Labor rules. Father Dennis and Father Bruce still need to meet to discuss.

**Old Business**

Opening and closing prayer schedule: January - Father; February - Jack; March - Pat; April - Adella; May - Bob Schierbrock

5 Year Plan -- Bob is looking for the former plan. He did recall that the road in front of the church, gathering space, and the rectory have all been completed. We will revisit this topic in January.

The Religious Education numbers have not been discussed.

New parish members -- Rebecca will be looking at the Assessor’s Website (Beacon Snyder) to find new home sales and possible new parishioners. It was mentioned that maybe the quarterly newsletter could go out to prospective members.

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**New Business**

Cemetery -- We need to talk to Brian Schmitz about headstone maintenance. Rebecca plans to do this by the end of December. Other items regarding the cemetery: Are the prices up to date? Why is the brochure no longer on the church website? Where does the cemetery get their funds? Questions concerning the cemetery budget were discussed. Do we need to have a fundraiser to support the cemetery? Is the cemetery board under the parish council and therefore should there be a cemetery board rep on the parish council. We need a report on maintenance costs. The baby section is in grave need of repair. Do we need a cost comparison of plots? How do we decide if buyer is a member or non-member? Rebecca will ask Brian Schmitz to attend the January meeting to give an update from cemetery board meeting and costs.

Fall Festival does not have a final report as of yet.

Anthony will follow up with Mike Schierbrock regarding the Boy Scouts.

No discussion on Cathy Saluta daily reflections.

The January meeting will be moved to Tuesday, January7th at 6 PM. This is due to New Year’s Day on the first Wednesday and the Religious Ed Mass on the 2nd Wednesday.

2nd collection schedule for 2020 is as follows:

* January -- End of Month Meals
* February -- Hospice
* March -- NCYC
* April -- Bridges Out of Poverty
* May -- Birthright
* June -- Food Pantry
* July -- Rosary Makers
* August -- Unbound
* September -- Disaster Relief
* October -- Ronald McDonald House
* November -- Christmas for Kids
* December -- Cash Cards for Emergencies

**Student Representative**

No report submitted.

**Pastor’s Corner**

Father asked about parishioners in need asking for help at Christmas. Could we give $100 instead of the usual $50? Bob made a motion to approve the increase for up to 10 people using the 2nd collection. After that, general funds will be used. Jill seconded the motion.

St. Mary’s will host Advent Lessons and Carols on December 15th.

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Closing prayer was led by Jill..

Jill motioned to adjourn the meeting @7:12. Bob seconded it. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Moran