**St. Mary’s Parish Council Meeting - August 2, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Angie Box. Emily led the opening prayer.

**Roll Call**

Present: Angie Box, Emily Box, Roger Fullenkamp, Jill Garmoe, Carol Hunold, George Kieler, Linda Peitz, Anthony Schulte, and Bruce Wellman. Absent: Father Hoffman was on vacation.

Guests: Rebecca Hannum, Ray Menke

**Agenda:** Linda made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bruce. The agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** George made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Carol. The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

**Monthly Reports**

**School Board Report:** Ray reported that at the July 24th meeting the board received a report from the SIAC committee that contained some interesting information about academics in our school. They were also updated by Dennis Menke about the progress on the Holy Trinity Elementary School project. Dennis has established several committees to assist with the next phases of the project. Officers for the 2017-2018 year were elected: Brad Box president, Loren Menke vice-president, and Lisa Hanson secretary. Greg Garrels will need to be replaced on the rodeo committee. The school is switching to a different medical insurance provider. A Math teacher for the high school is still needed. There will not be a building coordinator in West Point this year. The foyer floor at the high school needs some attention.

**Youth Ministry Report:** The August youth ministry report was emailed to parish council members.. Linda made a motion to approve the youth ministry report, seconded by Bruce. The motion carried.

**Director of Religious Education Report:** The August report from the director of religious education was emailed to parish council members. The council noted the good turnout for Vacation Bible School, and Rebecca said the bus driver was able to bring some students from Fort Madison. Linda made a motion to approve the DRE report, seconded by Carol. The report was approved.

**Financial Report:** Roger and Anthony reported that the finance committee has made some accounting changes because of the new investments. They approved the corporate resolution for our parish’s donation to the new Holy Trinity elementary building. They also signed the annual reports for the diocese. The next meeting of the finance committee will be in November.

**Strong Catholic Families:** Angie reported that the group is hosting a movie night on Saturday, August 26. The set-up and social time will follow 5:30 Mass, with the movie starting at dusk. Other upcoming events are a family hayride and a wine & painting party for adults.

**What’s going on:**  Emily told about Totus Tuus which had elementary sessions during the day and 2 hours at night for Grades 7-12. Vacation Bible school was well attended. A group of parishioners, including the Box family and the VanHamme family, prepared a meal for the families of the patients at the hospice house on Thursday, July 27th.

**Five Pillars:**

Five Pillars assignments were: Spirituality – Linda, People – Bruce, Growth & Stewardship – Angie, Community – Carol, Infrastructure – George, and Vision & Planning – Jill. Rebecca will give us an updated list of the coordinators for the groups under each pillar.

**Old Business**

**Church Maintenance:** Roger reported that the gutters and downspouts have been installed on the Church. He is hoping their installation will alleviate some moisture in the basement. The door openers are an ongoing problem. Rebecca will contact Bob Schierbrock to see if some progress can be made on getting this completed.

**Gathering Space Open House:** The open house will be held on Wednesday, September 13 following the opening Mass for Religious Education. The Mass time has been moved to 6:30 P.M. Rebecca is waiting for Vision & Planning to meet to help finalize plans. It was suggested that Maureen Kieler and Joe Loving be invited to the Vision & Planning meeting on Tuesday, August 8 so they can give input on the placement of the Saint Anthony and Saint Theresa statues in the gathering space.

**Parish Office Repairs:** Rebecca contacted Brockway, but they have not come yet to look at the work that is needed. Rebecca will call them again. The contractor that does plastering walked through last week and will be sending an estimate. He will bid it piece by piece so the parish council can prioritize the repairs.

**New Business**

**Cleaners:**  Maureen Kieler has taken over the cleaning at Father Hoffman’s house. The council discussed the wages for the cleaners, which have remained at $10 per hour and are not competitive. The finance council will discuss a wage increase at their next meeting.

**September meeting date:** The regular date for the September meeting would be September 6 which is during the rodeo. The council decided to move the meeting to Wednesday, August 30.

**Adjournment:** Emily led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Peitz