

## St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting November 1, 2017

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

### Roll Call

Present: Angie Box, George Kieler, Linda Peitz, Anthony Schulte, and Bruce Wellman.

Absent: Father Hoffman (at holy day Mass at St. Boniface), Emily Box, Roger Fullenkamp, Jill Garmoe, and Carol Hunold.

Guests: Rebecca Hannum

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

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

### Monthly Reports

**School Board Report:** Linda reported that at the October school board meeting Brian Foecke discussed with the board the need to hire a development director. The position would be paid for by the foundation, and the foundation would like to see someone in place by next August/September. Brian suggested that a subcommittee of school board members and foundation members be formed to pursue a job description for the position. The school board also approved a corporate resolution to pay for roof repairs, reviewed the TAPS and Music Boosters budgets, approved several contracts, and was informed that the STO for next year is fully funded.

**Youth Ministry Report:** The November youth ministry report was emailed to parish council members.

**Director of Religious Education Report:** The November report from the director of religious education was emailed to parish council members. Rebecca noted that Father Hoffman spoke to Dixie about removing old information as she updates her monthly reports. Linda made a motion to approve the Youth Ministry and DRE reports, seconded by Bruce. The reports were approved.

**Financial Report:** Anthony reported that he had received an update from our financial advisors and our portfolio looks good. The next finance council meeting is November 8.

**Strong Catholic Families:** The hayride had to be cancelled because of rain. However the group still collected hats, gloves, and coats to give to children in need. The group will sponsor a Christmas themed adult painting party on November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Ossenbrink Center. There are 20 spots available and snacks will be provided.

**Five Pillars:**

Spirituality - Linda had nothing to report.

People – Bruce said he was not aware of any problems with the money counters

Growth & Stewardship – Rebecca told the group about the NFCY network webinars on stewardship. One topic was about why people are not coming to Church. Rebecca will send out the link to the webinar.

**Old Business**

**Church Maintenance:** Mike Linnenbrink and Rebecca exchanged one of the back pews with one that had a book holder and fixed some book holders that were loose. Carol is going to touch up some paint in the Church.

Rebecca plans to replace the camera that provides the feed into the Ossenbrink center with one that will focus more on the altar. She is looking into purchasing a TV monitor for the gathering space that will provide announcements.

**Parish Office Repairs:** The bid from Brockway was high so the council put that work on hold. We will wait until spring to touch up the paint.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** Several parish council/finance council members spoke at weekend Masses about participation in the appeal and how it affects our parish.

**New Business**

For the All Souls Mass on November 2 and continuing throughout the month of November, the parish will have a display of the pictures of the parishioners who have died during the past year along with a book for people to add the names of loved ones they would like to be remembered. Brian Schmitz provided the pictures for the display.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Peitz