**St. Mary’s Parish Council Meeting**

**December 6, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.by President Angie Box. Father Hoffman led the opening prayer.

**Roll Call**

Present: All parish council members were present.

Guests: Rebecca Hannum, Mike Linnenbrink, and Wendolyn Hannum

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

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

**Monthly Reports**

**School Board Report:** Linda noted that the school board has approved the revised plans for the new school. Angie mentioned that prom, which was scheduled to be in West Point this year, will be moved to another location because of the demolition scheduled to start at that time.

**Youth Ministry Report:** The December youth ministry report was emailed to parish council members. Mike reported to the council that we had 7 high school students from our parish attend NCYC. Wendolyn gave a summary of her experience, talking about the whole group and breakout sessions. She said she listened to some very good speakers. Mike thanked our parish for our support of the youth group and their fundraisers.

Mike also talked about a youth forum for our diocese that will be held in February. Ten students from each parish will serve as ambassadors. Mike has also signed up for a subscription to Interlinc. The hope is that we can replace some of the contemporary music kids listen to with Christian music. The music is organized by themes and can be emailed to kids.

**Director of Religious Education Report:** The December report from the director of religious education was emailed to parish council members. Linda made a motion to approve the Youth Ministry and DRE reports, seconded by Bruce. The reports were approved.

**Financial Report:** Tammy Wellman is the new member on the finance committee. The group met in November and went over parish finances. A new computer has been purchased for Deb in the office. Our income is on line with the budget. Our assessment from the school is down slightly. A raise will be given to the ladies who clean the Church. We are at 69% of our goal for the ADA. The Fall Festival had a net income of about $230 thousand, slightly below their goal.

**Strong Catholic Families:** The adult painting party on November 9th was a success with 19 participants.

**What’s Going On:**  Emily reported that the last 2 weeks have been really busy. The National Honor Society held a food drive, and they had a great turn out. The high school basketball season has started. The varsity girls’ basketball team decided to buy gifts for a needy family instead of having a gift exchange.

**Five Pillars:**

There were no reports for Spirituality, Community, Infrastructure, or Vision & Planning.

People – Bruce said things have been going well with the money counters despite a glitch this past weekend when only two showed up. Rebecca said that when this happens they call in people to count on Monday.

Growth & Stewardship – Rebecca noted that we will have our yearly stewardship sign up after the holidays.

**Old Business**

**Church Maintenance:** The gutter by the front door has slipped down.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** We will have a second drive during Masses this coming weekend (December 9-10). The ushers will hand out envelopes to all adults, and time will be given for these to be completed and collected.

**New Business**

**Church Website Bulletins:** Jill said there have been some problems with the links not opening the selected bulletin. She also asked if there was a way to add the page of advertisers that is on the back page of each bulletin. Rebecca said that she posts the file as it is sent to her by the publishers, but she will look into a way to show the advertisers.

**Technology purchase request:**  Rebecca submitted a request for a video display in the Gathering Space and a new video camera to display the Mass in the Ossenbrink Center. Linda made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Carol. The motion was approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Peitz