**St. Mary’s Parish Council Meeting**

**August 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Wellman.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer, led by Jill Garmoe, was a reflection on the Gospel for the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

**Roll Call**

Present: Father Hoffman, Jill Garmoe, George Kieler, Carol Hunold, Bruce Wellman, Becky Moran, Anthony Schulte.

Absent: Roger Fullenkamp, Emily Box, Adella Boeding

Guests: Rebecca Hannum, Ray Menke

**Consent Agenda Approval**

Becky made a motion to approve the July Agenda and the June meeting minutes, seconded by George. Minutes and agenda were approved.

**Monthly Reports**

**Schoolboard Report-**Ray reported HTC School’s progress was coming along well. August 3rd, the precast walls would be poured.  OnAugust 11th,the contractor will begin erecting the walls. The School will be hiring a couple of new clerical assistances for the business office.

**Youth Ministry Report-**The parish is accepting applications for the Youth Ministry position.

**Strong Catholic Families-**George reported that our parish’s mascots (Shucks and Butters) will march in the Sweetcorn festival parade. Kim Menke is making t-shirts for anyone wanting to walk along.

August 25th, will be the scavenger hunt and movie evening. The movie showing will be Ferdinand. There will be a canned food drive and prizes.  Popcorn and ice cream will be served.

September 27th, will be the Strong Catholic Family hayride.

**Religious Education Report-** The report was e-mailed to the parish council members, submitted by Dixie.

**Financial Report-**The finance committee reviewed the church’s investments and will have guidance from two different investment advisors as to what they offer for our church. In August decisions will be made as to which direction the committee would like to proceed.

The committee finalized the budget and signed off on the paperwork to present the budget to the diocese of Davenport.

The committee investigated and discussed the church’s sick pay policy. The committee decided on compensation for one of the staff members.  A review was done on the policy and how it is being followed with our parish.

The committee also discussed the smoke damage that occurred at the parish rectory. Servpro cleaned the rectory. The church has an insurance policy through the diocese to finance the services. The church most likely would be paying the deductible and any amounts that exceed the policy limits.

**Pillar Brainstorming/Planning: Community**

It was noted that the transportation service for the parish could use volunteers for occasional trips for parishioner’s appointments, etc.

**Faith Formation-**Dixie will remain the Religious Education Director for 2018-2019 year. Mike Linnenbrink will work with the confirmation students.

**Old Business**

Father received the corporate resolution from the diocese, regarding the land swap with Merschman Seeds for the cemetery.

**AED**(Automated External Defibrillator)

A report will be given at the September meeting as to the purchase of the AED machine.

The council discussed the Parish’s safety. George will bring to the September meeting an emergency action plan to share with the council for an emergency situation.

**New Business-**

Starting September 1st, a time change for Saturday evening confessions will be scheduled from 4:30 to 5:00.

The council discussed and decided that the second collection will remain the same for church expenses, etc.

**Adjournment-** Jill led the closing prayer.  The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,