

## **March Minutes for Parish Council**

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 7:00 pm Pie Room

**Attendance:** Mary Ann Kingsnorth, Cathy Trezise, Ann Neal, Amy McCrary, Rita Mroz, Scott Austin, Linda Mancuso, Mary Ann Kutemeier, Merle Raymond, Dawn Drexler, Father Dan Belanger,

**Parishoners in Attendance:** Denise Dillard, Denise Mikrutt

**Not in attendance:** Bonnie Thompson, Tom Wasser, Jay Flahive

**Opening Prayer:** Cathy Trezise

**Approval of minutes:** Approved by Mary Ann Kingsnorth and seconded by Cathy Trezise

### **Old Business**

- Planning for Viatorian Grant: Father Dan reported. The distribution of the grant we applied for should be announced soon. The Viatorian Provincial Council will meet to make a decision. Father will be notified after the decision is announced.
- Scholarship program review and plans for 2018-19 school year: This will be completed in March and April. Mary Ann Kutemeier and Rita will be meeting this month and report on it at the next meeting. Family Ministry has offered to contribute to the scholarship program with funds they make from various activities. Scholarship application notice will be placed in the bulletin in April, 2018.
- Religious Education review: Mary Ann Kutemeier presented a report from the Religious Education Committee Proposals. A committee of Mary Ann Kutemeier, Dawn Drexler, Amy McCrary and Cathy Trezise will meet to look at the proposal to make final recommendation to council.
- Presence St Mary's homeless assistance – Linda reported that St Mary's has no need for more items at this time. Ann Neil provided food from food pantry to Roger Schnitzler, Manteno High School Principal. The only other needs that he identified for their student community was \$10 gift certificates for perishable items from Bercot's in Manteno.
- Virtus – Amy McCrary & Mary Ann Kingsnorth: Mary Ann talked with Denise Dillard and they will give her a Spring training date. Family Ministry and Religious Education members will be notified of date of the training to ensure all teachers and people working with the religious education program are Virtus certified.
- Update on the Hurricane Harvey Helping Hands project through April 1, 2018: Current donation for piggy banks was \$708.07 to this date. The Beef O'Brady fundraiser added another \$150. Jay will be

asked to provide total number of dollars collected when piggy bank collection is completed.

- Dedication of the cemetery statue: Mary Ann Kingsnorth reported that dedication will be Mothers Day, May 13, 2018 after the 10:15am Mass.
- Discussion and documentation of plan for emergency prayer services in the event of illness of priest; An Emergency action plan was presented to be implemented in the absence of pastor for Sat//Sun prayer service.
- Youth Ministry Program for St George: Father Dan has researched this position. Laura, Scott and Ashley Tetter have agreed to head the Youth Ministry Program. Father has requested that Amy McCrary and Dawn Drexler meet to discuss needs of parish to present to the Tettters.

#### **New Business:**

- Authorization of the Knights of Columbus Council to be established in St George: Father has agreed to accept the Knights of Columbus to have St. George as a base parish. The organization will use St. George for some meetings..
- Replacement of Parish council member: Mary Ann Kingsnorth, Rita Mroz and Linda Mancuso will meet to get a list of parishioners to present to Council for membership.
- Father feels we need to have a stewardship fair which will be planned for April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10AM. Bonnie Thompson, Mary Ann Kingsnorth and Amy McCrary will decide on type of advertising and presentation. The hall TV will have a presentation on the TV screen and refreshments will be served.

#### **Commission Report**

- **Administration:** Marylyn McBride will be on vacation for two weeks April 26 through May 4 2018. Ann Neil and Mary Ann Kutemeier have agreed to work the office in her place. Rita reported that we, as a parish, are investigating another deacon to assist with clerical needs at St. George. In an emergent situation, a communion service would best be performed with a Deacon. A Deacon is not paid position. Generally a small stipend is given for service.
- **Building and Grounds Committee:** Merle Raymond reported that due to flooding conditions in Watseka the contractor for the Querbes Center has not been able to adjust the heat or fix some plumbing problems. They will address these needs as soon as possible. Needed repair projects were sent to finance committee to see when they can be scheduled. The leaking church roof will be fixed by Brosseau roofing because they have a lift and have already inspected the leak. The other projects include sidewalk repair, kitchen in hall redo and front Church doors replacement. Merle is getting bid for the doors from someone in Frankfort. Once he hears back from finance committee he will proceed with coordinating the projects.

The parking lot will be started after the drainage problem is fixed. St George School is again interested in assisting with the financial participation in this project. They need additional parking. The Finance committee meet will be meeting this Thursday.

- **Finance Committee & Office** Rita reported that the finance committee meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:30pm.
- **Worship:** Liturgy Committee- Linda Mancuso
  - ◆ Liturgy: Ryan Crawford had nothing to report. Michele Walsh is working on completion of Holy Week Schedule. She has emailed requests for assistance to all ministries.
  - ◆ Art & Environment: Planning for Lent and the Easter season continues to evolve.
- **Education:** Mary Ann Kutemeier reported with committee in new business about a change in religious ed to accommodate all students. A committee was made to present a final plan.
- **RCIA:** February 24, 2018 the first communion class had a reconciliation retreat. February 25, 2018 the confirmation candidates had a gathering with their parents. The confirmation retreat was held on March 4, 2018. The Confirmation will include a high school student who has been working through the confirmation process. The RCIA program has one candidate and is moving through the scrutiny's and will receive Confirmation and Communion sacraments at the Easter Vigil.
- **Family Ministry:** Amy McCrary reported that Shadow Stations were well attended. She acknowledged all who helped with stations. The Fish fry will be held on March 16, 2018. The committee will request dessert donations for fish fry from members of the family ministry group. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 25, 2018. A Parent 101gathering will be held the week before to assist with filling eggs with candy. Friday April 13, 2018 a bonfire is scheduled. Parents are asked to bring snacks and their own cooler.
- **Christian Service: Peace and Justice:** Ann Neal reported that on February 24 lunches were made for Good Shepard Manor and they will continue to make these the fourth Sunday of each month. In April they will again assist the Fortitude Outreach project with food and assistance each Thursday Evening. On April 17, 2018 at Adventure Church they will serve dinner to teen moms. The Women's club will hold their second Trivia night on March 10th. They are still selling tables for this event.

**Comments from Pastor:** Father approved the three documents that were presented at the February meeting. Thank you to all for the work to make Lent a special journey for all parishioners. He ended with a prayer.

**Prayer for next Meeting:** Amy Mccrary will do prayer next month.

**Next meeting:** April 3, 2018, 7pm in the Pie Room