

Minutes for Parish Council
Tuesday November 6, 2018, 7:00 pm Querbes Center

Attendance: Rita Mroz, Cathy Trezise, Mary Ann Kutemeier, Dawn Drexler, Julie Lampley, Amy McCrary, Scott Austin, Mary Ann Kingsnorth, Merle Raymond, Linda Mancuso

Absent: Jay Flahive, Bonnie Thompson, Ann Neal

Opening Prayer: Cathy Trezise opened the meeting with a prayer

Approval of minutes: Minutes approved as read by Mary Ann Kingsnorth and seconded by Mary Ann Kutemeier

Old Business:

- **Presence St Mary's homeless assistance** – Linda reported that the Social Service department at St Mary's and Kankakee High School is in need on some toiletries. Roger Schnitzel reported that Manteno is in need of quick breakfast items, Mac and Cheese and \$10 gift cards to Berkot's for perishable items.
- **New Directory:** Mary Ann Kingsnorth reported that this Thursday photo sessions will begin. Most appointments are booked for this week but there are still some openings for next week.
- **Inventory and Organizing Property:** Amy McCrary had nothing to report.

New Business:

There was a discussion on need to change the Parish Council date for January and February due to conflicts with the Catholicism Program. Dates for changes were decided on by the council members. January meeting will be on January 7, 2019 ; February 11, 2019 will be date for Parish Council.

Concerns were discussed about poor communication to groups and the processes of changes to the calendar when new events were added. Mary Ann Kingsnorth and Rita Mroz will discuss with office and Father Dan.

Merle Raymond volunteered to pick up the priest coming from Food for the Poor on Saturday, November 10, at Midway. Deacon Milt and Juliette will take him to dinner on Saturday Night after mass. Cathy Trezise will place a basket of snacks and breakfast items in rectory for Sunday morning. Judy Kruger will take him to Beaverville for mass on Sunday, immediately following the 10:15 Mass. A parishioner from Beaverville will take him back to the airport Sunday night. He will be given a stipend for each mass that he says.

Commission Reports

- **Administration:** Office reported the auditors had little changes noted for next year.
- **Building and Grounds Committee:** Merle reported Handicapped signage is in place in the parking lot. The cost of sealing the windows in church is high and is not guaranteed for long. He has looked into storm windows from Kankakee Valley Glass who quoted a cost of about \$4,000 per window. Merle has been unable to find anyone who is willing to fix the basement door that is sticking. Amy McCrary said her father may be able to assist. She will find out and let Merle know. Jim Mikrut is replacing bulbs in the exit lights.
- **Finance Committee & Office:** The copier in Querbes Center and in the office in the rectory were both effected by the recent power outage. The office staff will be speaking to Proven, a copier supplier, to replace as needed because the service from Martin Whalen Office Supply has not gone well with servicing the current machines. Effective at 3pm Friday, November 9, Scott and Father Dan will be off work for one week. Susan Surpenant will be available most of week for coverage. Office will close on Tuesday at 1pm. Mary Ann Kutemeier will work Wednesday and Paula Wasser will work on Friday. Susan will update the bulletin on Friday. The consensus of the Council was that they liked the new layout of the bulletin.
- **Worship:** Liturgy Committee- Linda Mancuso
 - ♦ Liturgy: Ryan had no report.

Michele Walsh reported that the Christmas availability sheets for ushers, EM's and lectors are needed back by November 11th. Ushers are needed to fill positions for all masses.
- **Art & Environment:** Linda Mancuso reported that the pictures for the Altar of Remembrance will remain in the back of church for pick up for one more week. Mayberry Junction will again be donating bread for the Thanksgiving Mass. The Church Decorations will transition to Advent on the first Sunday of December.
- **Education:** Dawn Drexler reported on fall faith formation day. She and Denise are using the Remind app to keep parents informed of information and events for Religious Education. Teachers in the large classroom have requested another large storage cabinet for their room. There is a new 4th grade teacher that will need to have virtue training within the next few months. Mary Ann Kingsnorth will arrange this for her. David Suprenant has reported that there are 2 new RCIA candidates. These candidates will complete the new Catholicism classes with other parishioners and Father and David will coordinate some additional classes for the candidates.

- **Cemetery:** The New Columbarium will be delivered this week.
- **Family Ministry:** Trunk or Treat was well attended. A 411 Café was coordinated by Julie Lampley but only 4 parents attended. Amy, Julie and Father will meet to assess the best way to organize parent functions for better attendance. They would also like to organize children being more involved in the mass liturgy.
- **Christian Service: Peace and Justice:** Cathy had nothing new to report.

Comments from Pastor: Not present

A motion was made by Mary Ann Kingsnorth and seconded by Merle Raymond to close meeting.

Prayer for next Meeting:

Next meeting: January 7 2018, 7pm in the Querbes Center