

ASSUMPTION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 20, 2016

Taffe residence, 6:30 p.m.

Council members present: Maggie Fletcher, Dennis Volker, Ron Kram, Travis Thooft, Greg Weiler, Fr. Todd, Corey Poppe, Nancy Bergo, Dick Van Moorlehem, Nancy Taffe.

Absent: Rachel Johnson.

1. Maggie called the meeting to order.
2. Nancy B. read the gospel reading from Luke 2:1-14.
3. The agenda was amended to include Social Concerns committee report by Greg Weiler. Motion approved. (Greg/Corey)
4. The November minutes were approved as presented. (Kevin/Dick)

5. Old Business

a) At the November meeting Maggie encouraged members to begin thinking of possible speakers for the Lenten season. Council members the following recommendations:

Dennis - Fr. Matthew Crane.

Ron - Fargo priest, doesn't know his name.

Kevin - Brother Nick Davidson, or deacon or someone from the men's retreat.

Travis - Kevin Walsh or Monsignor Wald.

Fr. Todd - Bishop Kettler.

Greg - mentioned visiting the elderly.

Corey - Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. Nick Kleespie.

Nancy B. - Frs. Rudy and Tom from Mission years ago.

Dick - no suggestion

Nancy T. - Fr. Nick Kleespie.

Maggie – speaker with emphasis on healing or, Fr Donald Calloway or Fr Michael Gaitley. A committee was formed (Kevin, Corey, Nancy B and Fr Todd) to research topics/speaker(s). Note: Ash Wednesday is March 1st.

b) Cards/Poinsettias—Fr. reported that the poinsettias had arrived. Nancy T. handed out cards with envelopes addressed to the 13 people who will receive the poinsettias. Cards were signed by all members present. Council members will be distributing the plants/cards to family members of deceased parishioners.

c) Server Appreciation Party—Nancy T. and Greg are still working on plans for a server appreciation party for mid-January.

6. New Business

a) November Financial Report - Maggie reported on the November finances. Recently the parish received a very generous donation which, of course, keeps us in the black and also paid for the new refrigerator in the church kitchen. Corey pointed out we are up 3% from last year.

b) Souper Bowl - Options for Women has been the recipient of this fund raiser. Travis will again coordinate with the youth for Sunday, February 5th event.

7. Committee Reports

a) Dennis reported the KC's hosted a men's retreat on December 4th with approximately 40 men in attendance. They felt it was a success.

KC's discussed the "stork bus" and need for a fund raiser. The KC's have approximately \$6100 of the \$10,000 necessary for matching funds.

b) Greg conveyed a conversation he had with Craig Murphy on the newly formed Social Concerns Committee. The committee had identified with the dissolution of the Befriender organization they want to focus their attention on serving the elderly and shut-ins. Maggie mentioned when the Befriender committee was dissolved due to several restrictions in how we serve people, the Visiting Ministry was established to continue the ministry of visiting the shut-ins/elderly/home bound especially those in West Wind Village, Grand View, Skyview Plaza and Skyview Court facilities. Maggie recommended Greg/Craig contact Cindy Riedner, coordinator for Visiting Ministry to acquire additional information about their service. Greg expressed it is not the intent of the newly formed Social Concerns Committee to "step on toes" of the Visiting Ministry.

c) Corey talked about the St Mary's Endowment Fund that was started in 1986. Plans are underway for a "giving campaign." More information will follow.

8. Pastoral Report

Fr. Todd reported he hopes to have a letter going out soon regarding the endowment fund.

He mentioned a new large refrigerator was purchased and installed in the kitchen; cemetery monies been withdrawn from their savings account to meet cemetery salaries, snow removal, etc. The church crucifix is now hanging above the altar; we need to move forward with the tuck pointing of the school and painting of the exterior trim on the church. We're still awaiting Jerome Stanoch's bid for the painting project. The street assessments have been paid.

9. Corey led us in closing prayer.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. (Nancy B./Nancy T.)

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bergo, secretary