

Assumption Parish Council Minutes  
February 21, 2017  
Parish Center – 6:30 PM

Council members present: Fr Todd, Greg Weiler, Travis Thooff, Maggie Fletcher, Dennis Volker, Nancy Bergo, Kevin Wohlers. Nancy Taffe.

Members absent: Corey Poppe, Ron Kram, Dick Van Moorlehem.

- 1) Maggie called the meeting to order.
- 2) Nancy T. read the gospel from Matthew 6:24-34
- 3) Agenda was approved as presented. Per motion of Thooff/Bergo.
- 4) January minutes were approved as presented per motion of Taffe/Wohlers.

Old Business

a) Lenten Speakers – Kevin reported everything is set for this year's event. The dates are set with March 22 and March 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> with Jeff Johnson and Nic Davidson speaking respectively. Jeff will speak about Fatima and Nic's will speak about defending our faith and what it means to be Catholic the first evening and the next night will be about confession and the Eucharist.

Kevin further reported this information is being posted on the tourism site of [morrisamnchamber.com](http://morrisamnchamber.com). Maggie mentioned we'll be using our one week of free air time on Catholic radio K-YES to promote our parish and Lenten series.

Kevin will share with parishioners at the Saturday and Sunday Masses about this year's series and will introduce the speakers each evening.

Nancy B. reported the Fellowship Committee will be serving beverage, cookies and/or bars each evening and have donated \$2000 towards the expense for speakers and mileage. Thank you Fellowship Committee!!

b) Server Appreciation Party - Greg and Nancy T. reported they had a good turnout for the server appreciation party at Pizza Ranch on January 29<sup>th</sup> with 12 out of 23 servers attending along with some parents. Dennis mentioned the KC's are considering something for area servers (Morris, Chokio, Herman,) maybe bowling in the near future.

c) Souper Bowl Fundraiser – Travis reported this year's fund raiser for the Morris Food Shelf brought in \$538. Thank you parishioners and our youth group.

New Business

a) January Financial Report – Maggie reviewed the January report, income is up for the month as are expenses. Bright side, we're still showing positive figures for year to date.

b) St Patrick's Dinner – Kevin reported he has spoken with Pam Mithun and Dawn Henrich who will again be in charge of the dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Menu remains the same as last year. This too will be on the tourism site of [morrisamnchamber.com](http://morrisamnchamber.com). Nancy T. will contact Corey to ask him update the parish website of this event and also include in upcoming parish bulletins.

c) Vigil candles – Kevin shared correspondence he's received from Morris fire chief, Dave Dybal and the deputy state fire marshal, Tom Jensen concerning use of vigil candles in the church. Both Dybal and Jensen indicated candles are permitted as long as they are in a secure glass votive holder and sturdy stand, not easily tipped and not on or near combustible materials. KC's will be responsible for insuring its placement and materials are in full compliance with the deputy state fire marshal's correspondence.

### Committee Reports

a) KC's – Dennis reported the KC's had their Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest again this year with 15 drawings. They gave away three \$10.00 gift certificates. They also had Free Throw local contest with 25 participants with six winners. They are also planning a fund raising breakfast for Father Lucho for Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Plans are also being discussed for a rib and brisket possible fund raiser for the storck bus for Options for Women. The KC's also welcomed two new members, Kevin Pope and Gary Perowitz at a recent meeting.

### Pastoral Report

a) Father reported the Priests, Prophet and King Bible study is underway with 16 participants. It involves book, video and discussion.

b) Della Conroy has been commissioned to paint the risen Christ statute. Hopefully it will be done by Easter and will be hung in the alcove by the choir.

c) Father talked about V Encuentro and the movement to encounter the Latino in our community/country. There will be five sessions during Lent with the first one on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the church basement. This is an opportunity for all parishioners to be missionary disciples.

d) Heads up notice, our May meeting may have to be rescheduled due to Father and parishioner' Fatima pilgrimage.

### Other

Maggie conveyed a conversation she received concerning children playing hide and seek in the church as well as, playing downstairs and banging on the piano. She encouraged the caller to use the opportunity as a teaching moment. Explaining to the children our church is a quiet and sacred place because Jesus is always present when we come in. All are encouraged to come and visit reverently with

Jesus but please it's not a place to play games. She encouraged council members and parishioners to use these opportunities to teach about our faith and house of worship.

Dennis mentioned the liturgy committee is in need of additional membership. Everyone is encouraged to join.

Kevin led us in closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned per motion of Bergo/Thooft.

Next meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM, parish center, closing prayer Nancy B.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bergo