

## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **Parish Council Minutes**

**3-21-23**

Members Present: Penny Rhoda, Jeff Boyle, Keith Durkee, Mary Holm, Kitty Mahoney, Jackie Dripps, Carla Riley, Angel Franco, Father Todd Schneider, Patty Kill, Hayley Jay, Doug Moscho

Member Absent: Deb Solvie

Carla called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Mary read the Gospel from John 11:1-45

March Agenda was approved with a motion by Penny, and second by Kitty.

February minutes were approved with a motion by Mary and second by Jackie.

February financials were approved with a motion by Patty and second by Keith.

New Business:

Nomination Sunday will be April 30<sup>th</sup> for parish council and St. Mary's School Board. Discernment night for the candidates will be May 9<sup>th</sup> for the school board and May 16<sup>th</sup> for parish council. Selections will be made on Pentecost Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Parish Council By-Laws were reviewed. A motion to accept the by-laws as written was made by Mary and second by Hayley. Motion passed.

Old Business:

ACC representative Christine Pinto, from the diocese of St Cloud, met with a few of the council members on March 6<sup>th</sup> to review how things are going with our ACC. The issue of distance between the parishes was discussed along with the ongoing invitation for each parish to participate in each of the parish festivals and combined youth group activities as feasibly possible. It was a good visit and Christine will report back to Bishop Neary.

Carla reported that the benefit breakfast for Father Lucho was well done and well attended. An estimated amount of \$15,500 was raised for his work in Peru.

Lenten speakers:

Ben Durham spoke at our parish on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Faith formation students and some parishioners were in attendance to hear him speak on Catholic Social Teaching. Julia Dabbs will be giving her presentation titled "Portals of Prayer" about the stained glass windows on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, followed by the communal penance service at 4pm.

Hayley informed us that the server appreciation has been planned for April 16<sup>th</sup> and they will be bowling with pizza and pop and a drawing for a prize. The servers are encouraged to share who their patron saint (or favorite saint) is to get an extra chance at winning the prize from the drawing.

Committee reports:

Keith recapped the St. Patrick's brunch saying they served approximately 90 people and grossed approximately \$1350. Three Easter baskets were raffled off and the winners were Allison Albrecht and the Jay children.

Jackie reported that the Social Concerns committee will be having a food drive this weekend.

Pastoral Report:

Father Todd informed us that SMS is in need of a teacher and we are asked us to pray for good candidates to fill the position.

The Hispanic community is wanting to have adoration on the third Friday of the month at 7pm.

The renovation project and sound system upgrade are still gathering information and cost estimates to be presented at a later date.

The communal penance service will be on Sunday at 4pm.

Confirmation was at our parish on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Father Matthew Crane the Vicar of Cannon Law was here to administer the Sacrament. Bishop Neary had another confirmation the same day and was not able to be here in Morris.

Closing prayer was led by Jeff.

Father Todd made the motion to adjourn and second by Jeff. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Rhoda, parish council secretary.