

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Council Minutes
8-15-23**

Members Present: Jeff Boyle, Angel Franco, David Chamberlain, Carla Riley, Mary Holm, Keith Durkee, Spencer Kidder, Father Todd, Kitty Mahoney, Doug Moscho & Deb Solvie

Member Absent: Hayley Jay and Patty Kill

Guest: Teresa Gahm

Carla called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Carla read from the Gospel of Matthew 23:1-12

Welcome to Teresa and our newest members, David, and Spencer.

August 15th agenda was approved with correction of next meeting date which will be September 21st instead of September 20th. Also change the year on council goal to 2023-24. And change approval of financials to just June financials and not June & July financials. Motion to approve agenda with changes by Deb, second by Jeff.

June 20, 2023, meeting minutes were approved with correction of the spelling of Paul Rentz's last name. Motion by Mary, second by David.

June financials were approved. Motion by Deb, second by Keith.

New Business:

Teresa presented the Diocesan Annual report and explained it to the council. The report accounts for all areas of our Church such as St. Mary's School, Cemetery and Parish. Motion to approve the report with correcting the number of St. Mary's. Motion by Kitty, second by Doug to submit report to the Trustees and Father Todd to sign and approve. Motion passed.

Election of Officers:

Secretary - motion by Kitty, second by Fr. Todd to nominate Deb. Motion passed.

Vice Chair – motion by Fr. Todd, second by Jeff to nominate Keith. Motion passed.

Chair – motion by Mary, second by Kitty to nominate Carla. Motion passed.

Committee Liaison Assignments:

Cemetery Committee – Carla Riley

Faith Formation – Kitty Mahoney

St. Mary's – David Chamberlain

Fellowship & Service – Deb Solvie

Knights of Columbus – Keith Durkee

Liturgy Committee – Patty Kill

Social Concerns – Mary Holm

Latino Committee – Angel Franco

Motion to approve assignments by Deb, second by Mary. Motion passed.

Review last year's goal – tabled until next meeting to brainstorm ideas for goal.

Fair Booth Update – Doug said it was a good experience to sit at the booth and explain Catholic Faith to people.

September Fest Update – September Fest will be September 17th. Pray for good weather and a wonderful attendance. September Fest Committee will be having a meeting on August 30th at 6:30 pm to finalize details. The meal in the Church basement will be ribs, meatballs and gravy. Other food outside will be similar to last year. Father has sign-up sheets in back of Church as there is a need of lots of volunteers!

Feasibility Study Consultant Interview Update – Carla said they had met with Michael Walsh with Walsh and Associates Company out of Minneapolis. The committee was very impressed with his presentation. Walsh has 30+ years of experience in doing feasibility studies for churches; Committee is meeting Michael Davy who also does feasibility studies for not only churches but other non-profit organizations. They will meet on August 29th with Michael Davy. After the meeting the committee will compare options and chose a company to proceed with since Bishop has approved moving forward with a feasibility study.

Lenten Series Speakers – Council asked to brainstorm ideas for Lenten speakers. Father mentioned that even though this isn't Lenten season, he has Tony Cherniawski from Michigan coming September 18-20 to present on the Shroud Exhibit. Tony will also present to the St. Mary's kids and Faith Formation students. All are asked to attend and spread the word to others!!

KC's Report – Keith mentioned that several knights helped with the last storm cleanup at the parish grounds and cemetery. Thank you to all those who helped!! KC's donated to the youth group for the Steubenville trip. They had 13 girls; 5 boys and 5 chaperones attend. Kitty and Keith both attended and said they had excellent speakers and had a great trip. They also stopped at the Grasshopper Chapel and had a nice tour from Father Scott. KC's have also donated \$2500 to the youth group for upcoming events. THANK

YOU KC'S FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!! KC's having supper after 7:30 p.m. Mass this Saturday, August 19th. All are welcome!

Latino report – Angel reported that they have their organist (Maria Louisa Lee) back for Saturday night Mass. Thank you, Maria Luisa!! They also have a choir, so they are making improvements to the Hispanic Mass.

Pastoral Report – Father encouraged us all to attend the Shroud Exhibit. Reminded us that the roof repair will take some time to complete and to be careful when walking into Church to stay away from their equipment and be careful where you park as he has found several nails on the ground. Rural Mass Celebration is this Sunday at Belle River Church near Carlos.

Deb gave closing prayer.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Kitty. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 21st.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Solvie, parish council secretary.