

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Parish Council Minutes  
9-21-23**

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

Members Absent: Hayley Jay and Doug Moscho

Guest: Teresa Gahm

Carla called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Carla read from the Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16a

September 21<sup>st</sup> agenda was approved with correction Carla reading Gospel. Motion by Deb, second by Kitty.

August 15th meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Jeff, second by Patty.

August financials were approved. Motion by Deb, second by Patty.

**New Business:**

Septemberfest Recap – Teresa presented us with a preliminary draft of Septemberfest results but is still waiting for some expenses to come in. It looks like it will be a successful event. There was a great turnout of people. The food went over very well! The car show had a great turnout of cars!! The parish council would like to say

**THANK YOU** to all who gave items, purchased items, grew produce, setup for the event, cleaned up, worked in various areas and all who helped plan for this day!!

Also **THANK YOU to Father Todd for chairing** this great event!!!

Shroud of Turin – It was a great presentation. Nice attendance on the last night with the Faith Formation students and families. Tony did a very nice job of presenting!

**THANK YOU to the KC's for donating a \$1,000 to Tony and to Fellowship and Service for their**

**donation of \$1,500 to Tony** plus the Church gave an additional \$100. Thank you to all who attended this presentation.

Helping Hands Fund – has approximately \$4,100 in the account. We still have people in need and are helping people in need.

Fall Clean Up Day – It is scheduled for Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Please come and help!

Lenten Series Speakers – Paul and Penny Rhoda gave Carla a brochure on a retreat they recently attended and Carla will check into this more. Mary found an article about a young man that makes rosaries out of deer antlers. She is going to check into this more. Keep thinking about ideas for Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Council Goal – Mary made the motion to implement “Reviving the Eucharist through Acts of Kindness and Holy Moments”. Second by Kitty. Motion passed.

Church Storm Roof Update – it is not 100% completed. There needs to be some end/ridge caps put on the peaks. There was some misunderstanding in ordering these. Working to get this completed.

KC’s Report – Keith reported that Craig led the dinner in the church basement for Septemberfest and Paul Rhoda was lead person for the burgers/brats. Paul Rentz was in charge of the keg. It sounded like 230 people were served in the church basement. ***Thank you to the KC’s for all their continuous hard work and dedication to the church!!***

St. Mary’s School Report – David reported that Tanya Fischer said it has been a busy year thus far. They have 97 students in Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They are fully staffed with teachers but are in need for a maintenance/custodial person. Currently they have people volunteering to maintain and clean the school.

Cemetery Report – Carla reported that there was discussion about extending the road between Summit and Calvary Cemeteries. There is a mailbox in Calvary Cemetery with a binder inside to help people find graves. There were 4 large trees lost this past summer in the wind storm. **Thank you to those who helped clean up the cemetery after the storm.**

Latino Report – Angel reported that they had a great turnout at Septemberfest. They sold over 700 tamales in a 2 hour period. **Thank you to Mi Mexico for allowing them to use their equipment and thank you to all supported and worked their booth!!**

Father Todd's Report - Father handed out Mass counts for the weekends in July. Numbers were low but hopefully people are back from their summer weekends away. They will count again in October. Father Todd asked us to encourage good candidates to apply for the maintenance position. They have hired Walsh & Associates to do a feasibility study to see if renovating the church is a good idea with financial support to complete it. Father Todd was pleased with the Shroud of Turin's attendance and feedback. Father Todd will be gone starting this Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>. When he returns on October 1<sup>st</sup>, he will attend the pastoral conference in Alexandria from October 1 to October 4<sup>th</sup>. While he is gone, Father Jeff Ethen will do weekend Mass and Father Stan Weiser will do funerals. Both Father Jeff & Father Stan are retired priests.

Keith gave closing prayer.

Kitty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Patty. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Solvie, parish council secretary.