

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Parish Council Minutes  
12-19-23**

Members Present: Carla Riley, Deb Solvie, David Chamberlain, Father Todd Schneider, Mary Holm, Hayley Jay, Doug Moscho, Patty Kill, Keith Durkee, Angel Franco and Kitty Mahoney

Members Absent: Jeff Boyle and Spencer Kidder

Guests: John Mahoney, Tim Jay, Brandi Chamberlain

Carla called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Hayley read from the Gospel of Luke 1: 26-38

**New Business:**

December 19<sup>th</sup> agenda was approved. Motion by Father Todd, second by Deb.

November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes was approved. Motion by Mary, second by Father Todd.

November financials were approved. Motion by Deb, second by Hayley.

Souper Bowl/Morris Food Shelf Youth Group Fundraiser – Kitty will take care of getting some youth to speak at Church on Super Bowl Sunday. **Thank you Kitty!**

Poinsettia Delivery – We signed up for delivery of poinsettias in the memory of the following members that had passed away this past year: Helen McNally, Rosa Kill, Kathleen Carlson, Evelyn Hennen, Esther Lembcke, Darlene Maloney, Virgil Fults, Jill Landwehr, Lois Krump, Gerald Brandt, Laverna Lesmeister, Evelyn Guggisberg, John Donkers & Gemella Zapf.

Mass Server Appreciation – Hayley & Tim Jay will take care of this. **Thank you to Tim and Hayley.**

Lenten Series Speakers – Tim & Hayley Jay will hold a Married Couples Class beginning Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup> (6 Mondays of Lent).

Leo VanBeck will be speaking about making rosaries from deer antlers after Mass on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> after Mass (not Feb 25<sup>th</sup> as stated in last month's minutes).

Renovation Committee Update – The feasibility study indicated positive support to move ahead with the renovation project Rudy Pakendorf from Walsh and Associates was impressed with the young couples willing to take on leadership roles for the project. The renovation committee will meet with the Diocese Building Commission on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Capital Campaign might not start until next fall or winter pending approval from Diocese.

### **Old Business:**

### **Committee Reports:**

KC's Report – Keith said KC's met on December 5<sup>th</sup>. They are planning their men's night out for January 12<sup>th</sup>. All men are invited to attend. It is a wild game potluck. They want to remind everyone that the first Thursdays of each month is Eucharistic Adoration. They also donated money to the City for a handicap swing for the East Side Park in Morris.

St Mary's – David reported that St. Mary's students have been busy making Christmas Cards for Veterans, collected many items for the Toy Shoppe/Wish Tree, made crafts for the residents at West Wind Village and adopted a family in need. The students, family and staff at St. Mary's did an awesome job helping this family to have a great Christmas and also **thank you to Heartland Motor** for donating 4 tires to this family in need! **Thank you to all who donated to all these worthy causes!!** The school is also gathering as a whole each week to do a Advent Prayer Service together. St Mary's Christmas concert is Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, all are welcome!!

### **Pastoral Report:**

Father Todd handed out a pastoral letter booklet from Bishop Neary about the upcoming Eucharistic Revival that we are all welcome to read and then pass along to others. Father would like Tanya Fischer, St. Mary's Principal, to attend our January meeting to update us on the School's status. And in February he would like Scott Crumb to come and share news about the Newman Center.

Angel led closing prayer.

Mary made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Doug. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Solvie, parish council secretary

**THANK YOU TO CARLA RILEY FOR OPENING HER BEAUTIFUL HOME TO US AND HOSTING OUR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!!**