

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Council Minutes
2-20-24**

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

Members Absent: Angel Franco

Carla called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

David read from the Gospel of Mark 9:2-10

New Business:

February 20th agenda was approved. Motion by Mary, second by Hayley.

Newman Center Update – Scott Crumb gave the council an update on the Newman Center and West Wind Village. He is so happy to serve at both. He indicated that it is more challenging to reach Catholics on Campus due to changes with admissions. He said that they are doing more activities with the other Christian organizations on Campus and that has been a better turnout. He would appreciate prayers for finding Peer Ministers to help serve at the Newman Center. He thanked the council for all they do to help.

Council would like to **Congratulate Angel & Maritza Franco** on becoming U.S. Citizens today!!!

January meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Hayley, second by David.

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

St. Mary's School Subsidy – Finance Council is recommending a 3% financial increase from the parish which would be an increase of \$6,045. This would make the parish annual total to be \$207,545. The school needs to be able to compete with public school wages to keep the wonderful teachers and staff the School currently employs. St Mary's is also looking to increase tuition. Motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase by 3% by Patty, second by Jeff. Motion passed.

St. Mary's Dinner and Auction – they are still tallying up the numbers but feel the event was very well attended and successful!!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – it will be held on Sunday, March 17th after Mass until about 12:30 p.m. Craig Awsumb is chairing the event. Free will offering, all are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

Lenten Series Speakers – Leo Van Beck had to cancel his presentation on February 18th due to sick child but has rescheduled it for Sunday, February 25 for after Mass. Hayley informed the council that they have 15 couples signed up for the Marriage Retreat Classes and the first night went well. Mi Mexico catered that night, and it all went well.

Church Renovation Update – Hayley Jay, Peter Boyle, Brian Giese and Father Todd went to the Diocesan Building Commission on January 24 to present the renovation plans. The Diocese Building Commission has two concerns. One is how to make the Sanctuary handicapped accessible. The second is to make the reredos not look like another altar. The renovation committee is waiting to hear if the Bishop approves of hiring Walsh and Associates to move forward with the renovation. The committee meets again on March 14th.

Mass Server Appreciation will be Sunday, March 24th. Hayley & Tim are chairing this appreciation. Thank you, Hayley & Tim.,

Committee Reports:

KC's Report – Keith reported that there are plenty of Men's Retreats coming up. There is one in St. Cloud this weekend. Hog roast is planned for Saturday, June 29, 4-7 p.m.

St. Mary's School Report – David reported that things are going well at St. Mary's. I love to read week is March 4-8th. Fish Fry is Friday, March 1st at the Eagles. St. Mary's Stations of the Cross are on Friday's at 2:30 p.m. Tanya would like to thank the council for continued prayers for the School.

Pastoral Report:

Father Todd handed around thank you cards from Catholic Charities and Options for Women thanking the church for its generosity. Insurance is projected to increase by 33% this year. He will be sending out an Easter letter soon.

Hayley led closing prayer.

Mary made a motion to adjourn meeting, second by Doug. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Solvie, parish council secretary