

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Council Minutes
3-19-24**

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

Members Absent: Hayley Jay

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

Father Todd led opening prayer.

New Business:

March 19th agenda was approved. Motion by Mary, second by Kitty.

February meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Jeff, second by Patty.

February financials were approved. Motion by Doug, second by Deb.

Prepare for Nomination Sunday – Keith and Carla will be finishing up their second terms and cannot be nominated. Doug will be finishing his first term and is eligible to be nominated for another term. Father Todd made a motion to have nomination weekend on April 20th & 21st with discernment for St Mary's School Board on Tuesday, May 14th and discernment for Parish Council on Tuesday, May 21st with Selection Sunday on May 26th, second by Kitty. Motion unanimously passed.

By-Laws – Jeff made a motion to keep By-Laws the same as last year, second by David. Motion unanimously passed.

Spring Clean Up – the date is set for Saturday, April 6th. Mark your calendars.

Old Business:

Lenten Series Speakers – Leo Van Beck did an awesome job. **Thank you to Mary Holm** for finding him! There were about 60 in attendance.

Marriage Retreat – Hayley wasn't able to be at meeting but sent a note stating there is only one class left but it has been very well attended. Kitty reported that she has been enjoying the class and the food is amazing.

Server Appreciation – Hayley also sent a note stating this is set for this coming Sunday at the Bowling Alley in Morris, weather permitting. If weather isn't favorable, they will communicate with the servers to notify them of the changes. Carla encouraged anyone that wants to bowl to come on out to the bowling alley!!

Church Renovation Update – Brian Giese is going to speak at the Masses this weekend to update the parish on the status of the renovation project. Father Todd said the Bishop has approved the committee moving forward with the project. Father Todd and the trustees need to send a Proxy Vote letter to the Vicar General to move forward with working with Walsh and Associates. A Proxy Vote is needed anytime a project costs over \$20,000. The goal is to start this project this summer/fall and finish next February. The plan is to have a three pledge for the project. Keep the project and committee in your prayers.

Committee Reports:

KC's Report – Keith reported that there was about a dozen men from here that went to the Men's Conference in St. Cloud on February 24th. The KC's have agreed to sponsor Scott Crumb's for a \$100/month for one year to help offset his salary from the parish. There was a nice insert in the past week's bulletin indicating all the areas the KC's have donated money. **THANK YOU TO THE KC'S FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY!!!** Keith also said they raised about \$2400 at the St. Pat's Dinner that will go to Helping Hands Fund!!

St. Mary's School Report – David reported they are finishing up the 3rd quarter this Friday. They will have living stations this Friday at 2 p.m. The Seder Meal will be Wednesday, March 27th. They will also be having swimming lessons from April 8-19th.

Faith Formation Report – Kitty reported that last week there was a mistake in scheduling as they had scheduled both Religious Ed Class and Youth Group Retreat for the same time and night. So they decided that all the 7-9 grade classes would attend the retreat. So they had about 40+ in attendance and hope that will encourage more youth to attend youth group. Father had Eucharistic Adoration for them.

Latino Report – Angel would like to express his gratitude and thanks to the Council for the lovely card they gave him and his wife, Maritza, on becoming US Citizens. He would also thank everyone who came to Cenex North to help him celebrate!!

Liturgy Report – Father Todd and Patty reported that the committee has met and they have things ready for Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

Pastoral Report:

Father Todd – Holy Week schedule was mailed out. Holy Thursday Mass is at 7 p.m.; Good Friday Mass is at Noon with Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.; Holy Saturday Mass is at 9 p.m.; and Easter Sunday Mass will be at 9 a.m.

Patty led closing prayer.

Patty made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Doug. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Solvie, parish council secretary