Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Council Minutes
February 18, 2025-Location parish office

Members present-Father Todd, Doug, Mary, David, Kitty, Kayla, Jeff, Patty
Members absent- Haley, Deb, Spencer, Angel

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM and Kitty read from the gospel of Luke 6:27-38

New business:
The February agenda was approved by removing Scott Crumb from the agenda and Angel Franco for the Spanish-speaking community report. An additional action item was added for the approval of the renovation recommendation. Motion by Jeff, second by Kitty.

Approval of the January 22 meeting minutes. Motion by Kayla second by Doug.

The financial report from January was reviewed and approved. Father shared information regarding a premium for our insurance that needs to be paid. Patty asked for further clarification regarding income and expenses. Fr. Todd called Teresa who shared insight on the balance sheet. There was also a brief discussion regarding a grant for faith formation. It was granted again this year, specifically to help support adult faith formation. Mary made a motion, second by Doug.

On January 30, 2025 the Parish Finance Council recommended to proceed with the renovation of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Catholic Church and seek approval of the Diocesan and financial council. Fr. Todd shared that we have exceeded our financial goal. Approval of renovation recommendation motion by David, second by Kitty.

On January 30 the Finance Committee also met with the St. Mary's board. Mrs. Fischer and Bryann Herman, were also present. The recommendation was made and carried that as of this time, the parish would stay at the current subsidy amount unless there was a drastic change in government subsidies for transportation and books based on the projected state budget. Motion by Jeff second by Kitty to approve current St.Mary's subsidy.

St.Mary's School auction and dinner update -David and Fr. Todd both shared the St. Mary's School auction and dinner went well. It was an enjoyable night with fun and fellowship. The cash option was taken and the playhouse is currently up for bid. The totals are not in yet but overall there were great items and willing bidders. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event!

Saint Patrick's Day dinner update-David shared that the Knights of Columbus will be hosting on Sunday, March 16 following Mass at 9 AM. Brunch items will be served.

Old business:

The Lenten Series Speakers- all is set for dates and times. A letter will be going out to parishioners as the Lenten season approaches. Fred Blonigen, one of the Lenton speakers, shared a list, with Mary, of 15 books on the Eucharist he recommends.
Book titles are as follows: Fifteen Books on the Eucharist Recommended by Fred Blonigen
1.The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice ,and Communion, Lawrence Feingold.
2. A Key to the Doctrine of the Eucharist, Abbot Vonior.
3.The Hidden Manna: A Theology of the Eucharist, James T. O'Connor.
4.7 Secrets of the Eucharist, Vinny Flynn.
5.Eucharistic Miracles and Eucharistic Phenomenon in the Lives of the Saints, Joan Carroll Cruz.
6.Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper, Brant Pitre.
7.In the Presence of the Lord: The History, Theology and Psychology of Eucharistic Devotion, Fr.Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. and James Monti.
8.The Holy Eucharist, St.Alphonsus Liguori.
9.With Us Today: On the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, Fr. JohnA.Hardon,S.J.
10.The Eucharist: The Mystery of Holy Thursday, Francois Mauriac
11.The Real Presence: Eucharistic Meditations, St. Peter Julian Eymard.
12. God is Near Us: The Eucharist, the Heart of Life, Pope Benedict XVI.
13.The Holy Bread of Eternal Life: Restoring
Eucharistic Reverence in an Age of Impiety, Peter Kwasniewski.
14.Bread That is Broken, Wilfrid Stinissen, O.C.D.
15.The Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle: St.Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, Selected Writings, Compiled and translated by Victoria Schneider.

Church Renovation-see above report

Server Appreciation was held at Crystal Lanes Bowling Alley. Servers, some parents, and Fr. Todd attended. It was a good evening thanking them for their help during Mass.

Committee reports:
The Liturgy Committee recently met and made decisions about decorating for the upcoming Lent Season as well as Confirmation and Easter. Confirmation will be March 2nd at 2:00 pm. First Holy Communion will be May 4th at 9:00 am. All dates for Holy Week will be mailed.

Super Bowl of Caring collected over $800 to give to the Stevens County Food Shelf. All donations are greatly appreciated!

KC's report-they will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Brunch March 16.

St. Mary's-David reported that they are grateful for the support that was given for the St. Mary's auction. Mrs. Fischer reported that the trip to Wulf Ridge went well. Early March they will be having I Love to Read week. Kindergarten registration will be opening soon.

Pastoral report: The MAAA ACC recently met and discussed an upcoming community picnic, this summer, to share fellowship between parishes. Fr. informed the council that he contacted Adam Wink to look over a few maintenance items for the parish office. He specifically was looking into the dormers and some leaking into various areas. Adam will be getting a quote submitted for review. Fr. was thankful to have someone that was willing to come and look over these issues as it has been difficult to find anyone who will or wants to complete small odds and ends jobs.

Mary led the closing reading and prayer.Kitty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 8:05. Next meeting March 18, 2025 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted- Kayla Rinkenberger, council member