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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

TIME: 6:30pm

DATE: March 5, 2019

LOCATION: St. Marys

Call to order: 6:30pm by Steve Schneider

MEMBERS PRESENT:, Sister Maria, Dina Wurmlinger, Steve Schneider, , Kathy Solar, Marge Filipiak, Wayne Salowicz, Tom Belanger, , Patty Rusesky, Linda Kolarak, Donna LaRose, Craig Taylor,

MEMBERS ABSENT: All excused. Fr. Eppenbrock, JoAnn Martenka Ron Celeskey

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Dina Wurmlinger

- A. OPENING PRAYER: Sister Maria
- B. APPROVAL PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Approved by Marge Filipiak, 2nd by Tom Belanger
- C. Commission Reports-Marge Filipiak reported on the Christian Services. They have a Blood Drive in July and are putting together Easter Baskets in April. She stated that John Gazicka (sp) has been the acting President for a number of years.
- D. REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING ITEMS:
 1. Strategic Plan Review-Linda questioned where we are at with our 2-year plan. She asked questions as too how are we measuring our goals? Tally's? Are we improving on the goals? Following up on the goals? Continuing the goals? Review Action Items to discuss. Currently there are 439 families registered but many more attend without being registered.
 2. Baptismal Font at St. Mary's is tabled again. Tom & Steve will address.
 3. Time Talent Treasure Survey-Linda is working on getting a survey put together to send out to all Parishioners with the Directory/Picture information.
 4. Changes to Statutes-Steve. Change made 3.5.19 to change Education/Formation to Evangelization. Approved by Marge Filipiak and 2nd by Tom Belanger.

5. New Missals-Sister. Organ Catholic Press, Father likes, we will keep for now. There was discussion about adding monitors to the churches. Kathy Solar will check with her son-in-law, on a price.
6. Contact List-Steve. Steve handed out the most updated contact list of Counsel Members.
7. Directory/Pictures-Sister. The picture schedule for St. Denis is June 10-14, 2:00pm-8:30pm; St. Mary's is July 23/24, 2:00pm-8:30pm. It is thought that maybe Counsel Members could be at the tables to check people in. Tom Belanger suggested taking family address's out of the directory, that idea was overruled.
8. Crying or Dying-Patty. Pattys article will be in the next bulletin. Linda had a couple of a bulletin from another church who had a very similar article in their bulletin.
9. Parish Counsel Visibility-Sister. Sister brought up some ideas on how we can be more visible to the Parish Members. Counsel members signed up to attend the "Soup & Stations" so as to facilitate 'planned mingling', our photos on a board, volunteers for the Feet Washing' on Holy Thursday, Counsel attending Mass together, Volunteers to make sure the Visitor Cards are in the Missals and checked monthly. Dina Wurmlinger will do it at St. Denis and Marge Kilipiak will do it at St. Marys.

E. NEW MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review of handout from Steve Minnick- The cell phone and dress code policies were discussed and determined that we can only lead by example, in our behaviors. Sister will be sending out a Thank You on the Counsel behalf.
2. Demographics Meeting-Discussions were had regarding the meeting that was held on demographics, everyone received an email with attachments, however, numerous members did not receive the email. Another demographics meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 6:30pm, at St. Marys, to discuss when we will be ready for the Diosese to come back and discuss. Should the demographics be part of the Stratigic Plan?
3. Sacred Heart Seminary online course-Linda. March 11-April 21 there is a FREE online course on the Beauty of the Church, it is at the laymans level to help us grow in our Love for Christ. Also, there will be a Parish Mission here on April 2-3-4, 10am and evening sessions.
4. Minutes for Parish Office and Postings-Dina will add St. Denis Parish office to the email list of those that receive the minutes.
5. Parish Council Elections-We need to start soliciting new members to replace the 2 that are leaving. There was discussion about adding a youth member.

F. Upcoming events:

Coffee/donuts on Sunday, March 10, April 27 Italian Dinner at St. Denis by the Mens Fellowship. Possible Pig Roast in June, Steak Dinner in August, Soup and Stations start Tuesday, April 16,

Confessions on April 4 at St. Marys, 3 Ordinations on May 31, Russian concert May 28, Confirmation, May 4 in Sandusky, 1st Communion, May 5 at St. Denis.

- G. ROUND TABLE: Wayne-suggested that Counsel could become more visible by becoming door greeters.
- H. Closing Prayer: Sister Maria Inviolata
- I. Meeting adjourned 8:18pm

J. **NEXT MEETING:** 5.14.2019 @ 6:30pm @ St. Denis