St. Rita's Parish Council Meeting April 24, 2018 St. Rita's House

Parish Council members in attendance were Father Peter DiTomasso, Nathan Bonner, Faye Ganoe, Dorothy Fawks, Marty Schorn, Mike Luttrell, Mike Whiteley, and John VanDerCruyssen.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Peter. February 20th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Mike Luttrell was added to the attendance list for February 20th.

Finance Committee: Faye Ganoe, Finance Chairperson, gave the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2018.

Family Ministry: No report.

Women's Society: The Women's Society will host a bus trip on May 30, 2018 to St. Patrick's Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

Building & Grounds: The speaker project has been completed.

The staining of the church buildings will be completed by Michael Kauffman for \$1,200 plus the cost of materials. He will begin work at the end of May.

The choir would like a low pile carpet with underlayment to be installed in the choir loft. Nathan is looking into having this purchased and installed.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP:

- **-New Members** Mike Whiteley and John VanDerCruyssen were welcomed to the council as new members. Nathan will check on getting new Parish Council information books from Becky.
- **-St. Rita's Anniversary** The anniversary event will take place on July 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM. There will be Mass and dinner to follow. There were some possible venues discussed including the Blue Ridge Fire Hall, Blue Ridge Sportsman, Carriage House, and GT's. John will start looking into venues and other details for the event.
- **-Parish Directory** The bulletin inserts and advertisements will be distributed shortly with photos being done during the summer months. The photo dates and volunteer schedules will need to be organized.
- **-Website Upgrades** Nathan is working to organize the upgrades for the website. The council is encouraged to submit suggestions for items they would like to see on the new website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **-New Fundraising Committee** John VanDerCruyssen was welcomed as the new chairperson for the Fundraising Committee. There were several fundraising ideas that were discussed. John had a suggestion to possibly hold a community BBQ at the end of July. The fundraising bulletin announcement will be revised to ask for volunteers to join the Fundraising Committee.
- **-Forty Hours Dinner** Will be held on May 15, 2018 at 4:30 PM.
- **-Parish Picnic** A bulletin announcement will be done to remind everyone of the Parish Picnic being held on September 9, 2018.

The next council meeting will be June 5th at 7 pm. Fr. Peter led the group in closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nathan Bonner