

St. Rita's Parish Council Meeting
February 20, 2018
St. Rita's House

Parish Council members in attendance were Father Peter DiTomasso, Father Christopher Onyeneke, Nathan Bonner, Tom Beck, Faye Ganoë, Laura Miller, Dorothy Fawks, Gordon Fath, and Marty Schorn.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Peter.
January 23rd meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finance Committee: Faye Ganoë, Finance Chairperson, gave Financial Report. There are credit card charges for online giving; plan is to take away the option for credit card. Finance Committee approved the nursing program expenses, carpet for choir loft, speakers, toilet in house, and pavers. Marilyn Crawford is looking into the best deal for the jackets that were previously discussed as a fund raiser.

Family Ministry: Report submitted by Paulette Nidel. Group met to discuss structure. Jim Lowrie is now in overseeing transportation assistance. They are looking into having 1-2 people in charge of each activity. Any suggestions on how to structure the group would be appreciated.

Women's Society: No report.

Building & Grounds: Carpet replacement to be done; looking into quotes for carpet. Marty would like someone to head that up and to follow up with choir members to see if they have any recommendations for type of carpet (for acoustics).

-Basement in house is damp and humid, but there is no standing water. A dehumidifier was ordered and will be installed later this week; it will drain into sump.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP:

-Speaker System Upgrade—Hardware to be installed Saturday morning. Hook up of speakers will occur at the beginning of next week.

-Simple Suppers—Parish Council will host supper on February 28, 2018. Please arrive at 6:00 for set up and plan for 25 attendees.

-Fundraising Committee—200 Club and Jackets are being looked into. There will be an announcement in the bulletin asking for people to assist in a fundraising committee.

-Parish Directory—Mr. Jarrell will speak at St. Mary's Parish Council meeting on March 7th and we'll have more details after that.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Lenten Appeal—St. Rita's goal is \$23,900.

-St. Rita's Anniversary—our parish will be 100 years old next year! It was originally started in 1919 as St. Joan of Arc. Exact date of parish opening/founding is to be researched. Activities will be planned, including a Mass, inviting the Bishop, a parish dinner, and other events possibly.

-Website Upgrades—it will cost \$500 to revamp the site, but it is needed and will allow better accessibility for mobile devices. Maintenance fund will be used to pay the cost.

-Member Update—2 new members and a recording secretary are needed. Gary (from the choir) was suggested as a member. Laura Miller will need to be replaced. Reviewed requirements for attendance; some members have missed meetings and may need to be replaced.

The next council meeting will be April 24th at 7 pm.
Fr. Peter led the group in closing prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Miller