

St. Rita's Parish Council Meeting
January 23, 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, Joseph Kozlovac, Dorothy Fawks, Gordon Fath, and Marty Schorn.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Peter.
December 5th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finance Committee: Faye Ganoë, Finance Chairperson, gave Financial Report ending December 31, 2017. A letter from the diocese was reviewed, with St. Rita's standing in various categories of the budget.

Family Ministry: Report submitted by Paulette Nidel. The Giving Tree was done in December and a report will be in the bulletin. Simple Suppers will start Ash Wednesday. There will be a party at Hillside in February. Drivers are needed, to help with transportation to appointments and to Mass.

Women's Society: No report.

Building & Grounds: Paver project on Wyndham Ave for handicap parking was completed.

-The dumpster is being used by someone outside the church; the lock was put back on but not locked. Marty will monitor to determine if it needs to be locked.

-Three motion sensor lights were installed and 3 lights in hall/church were replaced.

-Parishioner volunteered his plumbing services; he is donating his time and St. Rita's will pay for parts. Reviewed 3 projects that need to be completed.

1-leak in pipe downstairs in house

2-hot water heater in hall

3-center aisle in hall kitchen garbage disposal-add Y connectors and cap so that snake can be used in the event of a clog

-after Marty left, it was reported that the toilet in the house bathroom was leaking and the carpet in the choir loft is torn, potentially causing a safety hazard. Fr. Peter will follow up with Marty on these items.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP:

-Parish Nurses—Maryann Schuman spoke at 11:00 Mass January 21st about flu prevention. Lysol wipes and masks will be available at both entrances. Parishioners were encouraged to wear a mask if they are coughing or sneezing. The wipes will be used to wipe the tops of the pews, as these are high-contact surfaces. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Maryann for the cost of course she completed to become a Parish Nurse. Faye will take to the Finance Committee for approval.

-Speaker System Upgrade—Gordon found a good deal on speakers and purchased them, is willing to sell to the church. The costs were given to Fr. Peter, Fr. Christopher, Nathan, and Faye to take to Finance Committee for consideration. Plan is for parishioners to install.

-Donut Socials—Socials will start again February 11th and will be held monthly. First social will be held after the 11:00 Mass. March social will take place in front part of hall, after both Sunday Masses. CCD classes will be moved to accommodate this. Each social will be sponsored by a different parish group, with the first social sponsored by the Women's Society. Dorothy Fawks will organize the groups, coordinating who will sponsor each social. A set of instructions will be provided to the groups.

-Simple Suppers—Wednesdays during Lent. Women's Society is doing the first supper, on Ash Wednesday. Parish Council will run the supper on February 28th. Nathan will ask Mike Luttrell to coordinate it. More details will be sent.

-Fundraising Committee—200 Club and Jackets will be discussed at the February Finance meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Parish Directory—Mr. Jarrell, from Jarrell Studios in Fairfield, presented some options, reviewed advertising (studio will print flyers) and coordinating the photography, and things for the council to consider. Next steps are to find someone to coordinate it, choose dates (studio will give us a list of dates that are open), and advertise.

The next council meeting will be February 20th at 7 pm.

Fr. Peter led the group in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Miller