

## St Rita's Parrish Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

7 PM

**Welcome:** Parrish Council Member in attendance were: Fr. DiTommaso, Fr. Christopher Onyeneke, Nathan Bonner, Dorothy Fawks, Mike Luttrell, Tom beck, Michael Whiteley, Gary Spegal and John VanDerCruyssen

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting was held at St. Rita's house and began with an opening prayer by Fr. Peter DiTomasso

**Approval of Minutes:** The last meeting was held September 4, 2018 at 7 PM and the meeting minutes were approved

### Committee Reports

- Finance
  - A Cash Summary Analysis for the period of /1/2017 to 8/31/2018 was presented by the Finance Committee representative. Total operating expenditures were \$37,808 and total operating income was \$34,314 during this period.
  - The Finance Committee expressed concern that expenses were chipping away at savings and proposed considering leasing St. Rita's House to increase income which could increase income (e.g. ~\$1200 per month). Fr. DiTommaso explained that Fr. Robert's original intention for St. Rita's House was for: 1) priests to use the house during periods of inclement weather, 2) a meeting room for the youth group, and 3) an additional room for Sunday school activities.
    - The Counsel discussed the proposal noting that the house also represented part of a long-term (3, 5, 10-year) plan to expand the Parrish Hall and expressed concerns about potential liabilities of leasing the St. Rita's House.
  - Parrish Counsel members discussed the possibility of the financial report (or relevant portions thereof) be published quarterly in the Church paper/website.
- Family Ministry
  - Pizza Social – the event after the 11 AM Mass was well attended (60 parishioners including those who attend other masses), feedback from parishioners was positive and was considered a great success. A total of \$147 in donations were collected.
    - The pizzas were purchased from Brothers Pizza, and it was noted that the pizza needs to be delivered at 11:45 AM rather than 12 PM. The possibility of using other pizzerias were also discussed.
- Women's Society – no update
- Building Grounds
  - Grass Cutting – The need to hire a back-up for grass cutting services were discussed.
  - Lights in Parking Lot- An issue arose concerning parking lot lighting and turned out to be a short in the ballast. It took 4 hours to repair. The possibility of installing LED lights was also discussed.
  - Carpet for Church Balcony- The Waynesboro Flooring Company offer for carpeting in the church balcony included a 10 year warranty and the offer was accepted. Coordination for moving the pew, instruments, speakers and wiring for carpet installation was in progress.
- Old Business/Follow-up
  - Parish Picnic – The Parish picnic went well despite the weather with over 200 people attending; next year's picnic is scheduled for 4 August, 2019.

- The pancake breakfast was postponed.
- A fish fry is planned for March (Lent).
- St Rita's Anniversary- The location for the St Rita's Anniversary dinner was discussed. The Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall can hold up to 250 people and sign-up would be open invitation via a mailing. It was estimated that the cost would be about \$16/person.
- Security Upgrades – On request by the Diocese of Harrisburg, Father DiTommaso escorted security representatives through St. Rita's Church and surrounding facilities. They recommended that a Floor/Evacuation plan be developed and a fire drill be scheduled in consultation with the Fire Chief.
- Mr. Spegal offered to develop a Floor/Evacuation plan.

#### **New Business**

- Pork Sale- The possibility of having a pork sale was raised by Mr. VanDerCruyssen.
- The CCD proposed a special party for Halloween.

#### **Closing Prayer**