

St. Rita's Parish Council Meeting
January 10, 2017
St. Rita's Parish Hall

Parish Council members in attendance were Father Robert Malagesi, Nathan Bonner, Faye Ganoë, Marty Schorn, and Joe Kozlovac, Tom Beck, Laura Miller.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Robert.
September 27 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finance Committee: Faye Ganoë, Finance Chairperson, gave Financial Report ending November 30, 2016. A new form has been implemented by the Diocese and the group reviewed the various categories.

Family Ministry: Report submitted by Paulette Nidel.

-Fall birthday party was held at Hillside, with small gift and cards for residents with birthdays. Christmas party was held at Hillside in December with parishioners and folk choir attending.

-Giving Tree-not as many families were sponsored as in previous years. There was good response from parishioners.

-Soup Kitchen-currently the parish helps with 2 meals/year and we may increase that to 3 meals/year.

-Simple Suppers-will start March 1 and run through April 12. Each parish group is asked to sponsor a meal.

Women's Society: No report.

Building & Grounds: Marty Schorn gave report.

- Refrigerator in hall was repaired, with a cost of \$530.
- More shingles have blown off and need to be replaced. Marty is awaiting a quote from Pat Hahn.
- A new hot water heater in the church was installed with the help of a parishioner.
- Fluorescent light strip was broken. The fixture was changed.

Old Business/Follow up:

-Spaghetti Dinner Earnings-\$710

-New Members—Rick Nidel and Barb or Jim Lowrie were recommended as potential new members.

-Weekly Collections-discussed an option for on-line giving through Our Sunday Visitor. A link would be added to website if we use this service.

New business:

- **Fundraiser**—Applebee's St. Rita's Night. Two dates would be submitted to Applebee's will choose the date. A flyer will be printed and passed out; customers turn in the flyer to server and 20% of check (not including alcohol sales) is given to parish. St. Rita's will receive proceeds in one month.

Also working on planning another breakfast at Applebee's, with a tentative date of May 13.

-**Groundskeeper**—due to conflict between some of the volunteers, we may need to coordinate staff/volunteer time.

-**Simple Supper**—March 1 is Ash Wednesday and supper will be sponsored by the Women's Society. Parish Council will tentatively plan to sponsor supper on March 8. Nathan will contact Ted Nee to inquire about ingredients to have spaghetti and date, and will follow up with group on details.

The next council meeting will be March 21 at 7 pm.

Fr. Robert led the group in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Miller