

St. Rita's Parish Council Meeting
November 7, 2017
St. Rita's Parish Hall

Parish Council members in attendance were Father Peter DiTomasso, Nathan Bonner, Mike Luttrell, Laura Miller, Gordon Fath, Dorothy Fawks, and Marty Schorn.

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

Finance Committee: Faye Ganoë, Finance Chairperson, emailed Financial Report ending Sept 30, 2017. Members reviewed the report.

Family Ministry: Upcoming events include Giving Tree for local families, Christmas party and gifts at Hillside. The parish will not be helping with Seton Center this year, instead staying within diocese for support, possibly New Hope in Waynesboro. The group is currently not doing transportation and is working with a skeleton crew. More support/members are needed for Family Ministry.

Women's Society: No report. Bus trip in September went well.

Building & Grounds: Marty Schorn gave report.

- Handicap parking request was reviewed; spaces were originally intended to be parallel spots. Council reviewed possible ways to add pavers for passengers to exit vehicle. Marty will get quote on pavers.

- There are areas around the church that need painted, which would be a spring job.

- Windows were washed.

- The three furnaces (church, hall, and house) were serviced October 23.

- Wireless phone has static, base unit was replaced. Base unit is in the hall and is used for phone in Sacristy.

- Air conditioners—one noted to have rust and another runs continuously. Three estimates were obtained to replace with cost range \$12873—17295; Martz, Warner, and Leckron's Comfort Solutions.

- Member suggested that more mulch is needed and weeds need pulled. We have less volunteers for this work and they only do the grotto. We may need to make a team and involve the youth to pull weeds.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP:

- Fundraising Committee**—200 Club and jackets. No discussion.

- Parish Picnic** Review—It was a success. Response from parishioners is to have it there again next year. Golf cart is needed for elderly, as it is a long walk from parking lot.

- New Members**—Welcome Gordon Fath and Dorothy Fawks.

-Time and Talent Survey—Review. Results emailed to team with information on parishioners who expressed interest in volunteering.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Faith Community Nurse program—Maryann Schuman will be leading this committee, with a holistic approach to involve parishioners with different backgrounds (not just nursing). Plan is to offer classes, assist in transporting parishioners to appointments, visit people in the hospital and follow up upon discharge to home, and have talks by parishioners on various health topics, including Asperger's, bullying, nutrition, pharmacy, and police for medication takeback. Needs include 2-drawer file cabinet, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, AEB, and DME.

-Suggestion made to have parish council tag; have a member stand at door so that parishioners get to know the members and speak to them about any concerns or suggestions.

-It is time for a new church directory.

-Parish Penance Service will be held Saturday December 16th at 10:30 am at St. Mary's. Six priests will be there. Another service will be held at St. Rita's during Lent.

-Other ideas discussed—look at doing doughnut socials again, use the house more often for events, look at adding a walkway from parking lot to house, and adding speakers in back of church as it is hard to hear over the air conditioner.

The next council meeting will be December 5th at 7 pm.

Fr. Peter led the group in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Miller