**St. Rita’s Parish Council Meeting**

**December 5, 2017**

**St. Rita’s Parish Hall**

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Peter.

November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Finance Committee**: Faye Ganoe, Finance Chairperson, gave financial report ending October 31, 2017. Council members discussed using savings account funds for maintenance needs (air conditioner repair and pavers).

**Family Ministry:** No report. Upcoming events include Giving Tree for local families, Christmas party and gifts at Hillside.

**Women’s Society**: No report. Group is working on greens for the Christmas Mart, to be held Saturday December 9.

**Building & Grounds:** Marty Schorn gave report.

-Handicap parking request was reviewed

-Mike Luttrell volunteered to head committee for grounds, to include care of the grotto, mulch, weeding, and tree trimming. An announcement will be given to Beck to put into bulletin, asking for volunteers.

-pavers can still be ordered. Advertising needed; discussed putting in bulletin once per quarter to order the engraved pavers.

**OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP:**

**-Handicap Parking Proposals—**Green Arbor can do pavers for $1300 and council agreed on this bid.

**-Upgrade to speaker system—**difficult to find a place to upgrade system. Concern is that adding speakers may cause echo due to acoustic delay. Reviewed possibility of using headphones for those parishioners who are hard of hearing. Gordon will do some research on possible ways to improve system.

**-Parish Council Member Availability for Comments/**Suggestions—1 member to be posted at main entrance of church after the Masses, weekend before the next Parish Council meeting, to answer any questions and to hear concerns/suggestions from parishioners to be brought to the council. Post minutes on bulletin board was suggested, in addition to posting them on the website.

**-Fundraising**—200 Club and Jackets—need a chairperson for this committee; suggestion made to put it in bulletin. John Coughlin and Marilyn Crawford are following up on these items from previous meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**-Parish Directory—**it’s time for a new one! LifeTouch is available in February and Fr. Peter will get information to pass on to council.

-Mark your calendar—Parish picnic will be held at Carroll Valley Park on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

The next council meeting will be January 23rd at 7 pm.

Fr. Peter led the group in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Miller