

St. Clement Church Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday March 1, 2018

Opening prayer was led by Ruth Morello.

Members Present at March 1, 2018 Meeting: Fr. Rosenbaum, Ruth Morello, Nancy Stampelis, Al Grandinetti, Theresa Facciani, Kim Campagna, Julie Wagner, and Maria Sanders.

Approval of 2/2018 Minutes: Motion made by Kim Campagna, seconded by Julie Wagner- motion carried.

Old Business:

Valentine Mass Review: The Mass was beautiful and a wonderful dedication to those who have passed. Thank you to all of those who helped to make this such a special day!

Handyman Volunteers: Al Grandinetti is heading this ministry. It was decided to call the ministry Helping Hands Volunteers. Volunteers will offer their services once a month to help parishioners with minor household jobs.

Finance Council: The council met on February 22nd. The Financial Statements were presented, and updates were given on various line items. Overall, the parish is in the positive. However, it was reported that collections have been down the last few months as well as attendance.

Dr. Kupchella and her husband volunteered to deliver all of the church envelopes that are not picked up.

Westmont Hilltop is no longer leasing the Adult Ed. Bldg. Fr. Rosenbaum had established a committee to discuss options for the future use of the school building. We are still accepting any viable and sustaining ideas for the use of the building.

Karen Esaias is our parish representative for the "ARISE" program - a Diocesan wide faith renewal program. Karen explained how the program works and how its basis is to attract more people to the Catholic church.

The Catholic Ministries drive has not brought in any additional funds since the last time we had met.

The church festival is scheduled for July 15, 2018.

Maintenance: The sewer project is complete, the pipes are fixed, and are awaiting certification. The front doors of the church are going to get fixed. The next project is fixing the sidewalks around the church property.

Education:

PRE: no report

DMCA: It is open enrollment so those interested in enrolling may do so.

Technology: John Concannon is going to post the Handyman service on the website.

Liturgy: The Adult Servers are doing well, and Father appreciates those who have come forward to do this vocation. Thank you to Nancy for doing such a great job on the window sills in the church.

Family Life: On Friday March 23rd we will be having Pierogis and Prayer. We will serve dinner from 5:30 to 6:30, followed by Station of the Cross. Thank you, Kim Campagna, for ordering the pierogis and for organizing this event.

Christian Services: The Martha and Mary collections have been great. Thanks for your donations.

Pastoral Assistant: 10 parishioners have made a commitment to the Arise Parish Team.

New Business:

Catholic Ministries Drive: The drive provides 100% of its funding to our 14 ministries. It is the sole supporter of pastoral, spiritual, educational and human service programs that benefit thousands of people throughout the eight counties we serve. If you can donate, please do so.

Pastors Remarks: Father discussed the Arise Program and hopes that it will renew and stimulate people to return to church. He thanked everyone for their time and service to the council and appreciates all we do for our church.

The next meeting is scheduled for **April 5, 2018**.

Respectfully submitted and God Bless You,

Theresa Facciani, Parish Council Secretary