

St. Clement Church Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday February 7, 2019

Opening prayer was led by Julie Wagner.

Members Present at February 7, 2019 Meeting: Fr. Rosenbaum, Ruth Morello, Nancy Stampelis, Suzie Catanese, Theresa Facciani, Julie Wagner, Chris Hohrun, John Pattison, John Georgevich, Maria Sanders, and Marie Kalinyak.

Approval of January 2019 Minutes: A motion was made by Marie Kalinyak and seconded by Chris Hohrun- motion carried.

Old Business:

Review of Appreciation Dinner: It was a very nice evening and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you to Nancy Stampelis and to all of those that helped make it such a wonderful night!!

Valentine Mass: The Mass is going to be on Valentine's Day. There will be a penny from Heaven favor available for everyone as well as refreshments after. Thank you to Ruth Morello for helping make this special as well as Marsha Critchfield for getting the cards made, Julie Wagner for making cookies and anyone I did not mention that helps to make this such a special Mass.

Basket Party: Julie Wagner has agreed to take charge of organizing a basket party for our Parish, which is going to be held on April 27, 2019. She has made a checklist of what needs to be done and has already been in contact with some businesses for donations. She has also gathered a few people for a committee to keep things organized. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the rectory and you may direct to Julie for more information.

Finance Council: The next meeting will be February 28, 2019.

Good Works Saturdays: One parishioner contacted the rectory and Al is in the process of helping her.

Maintenance: A pipe in the convent froze and cracked. It has since been fixed. The boilers have been fixed and inspected.

Education:

PRE: They will be participating in a Home Study on February 17th.

DMCA: The school is in the process of preparing for Middle States Evaluation, which is April 9th, 10th, and 11th. The Open Houses were successful, and it looks like we will be welcoming quite a few new Pre-K students. Step-Up Day for the 6th Graders will be held on February 21, 2019. It is Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year, so if you know anyone interested in attending Divine Mercy Catholic Academy please spread the word.

Technology: We had 4,460 views in the month of January. The all-time views to date as of our meeting were 266,198.

Liturgy: Father is requesting palms and there will be something in the bulletin asking for them as well. We are moving toward the Lenten Season. A Lenten Penance will be held in conjunction with the Project 177.

Family Life: Julie Wagner is working on the basket party for April as discussed above. Any other suggestions please let her know!

Christian Services: John Geogevich mentioned doing the following collections during Lent: The Needy Children Shopping Tour, Food Pantry, and the Martha and Mary House. He also mentioned that next year we need to do another "Souper Bowl" collection, which is the collection of canned soup on Super Bowl Sunday.

Pastoral Assistant: Barb Pastovic turned 101 and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers. God Bless you Barb and many more!!

New Business:

Life Touch Photography Presentation: Steve from Lifetouch Photography came to do a presentation for a new Parish Directory. He explained to us a number of options that are available. Everyone at our meeting seemed to like the small, updated, binder. Please refer to Ruth Morello's email regarding signing up to assist in one of the areas mentioned in her report.

Lenten Stations: Parish Council will read on March 8th and Finance Council will be asked to join us.

Pierogies and Prayer: We will do this on April 12th, and we will get the pierogies again from St. Therese. We discussed putting an RSVP in the bulletin so we can get an idea of how many people will be able to attend. If you do not know ahead, you are still welcome to come that evening.

Pastors Remarks: Father passed out a summation of the Priests Deanery Meeting. Churches are going to need to work toward some changes as the number of priests is diminishing. Priests are exceeding their number of Masses permitted. Funerals have been on the rise and Nursing Home Masses have become problematic as there are not enough priests to cover. Many churches have Masses at the same time, therefore, we may need to make some adjustments to some Mass times and that means some parishes certain Mass schedule may be omitted.

There is also a decrease in the number of students in Religious Education and this means at some point some churches may need to merge those classes to allow for better coverage.

The Bishop is also reaching out for suggestions on how Mass attendance can be increased. He is suggesting reaching out to the younger population and question why they attend a specific Mass over another time.

These matters must be discussed, sooner than later, and a decision is going to need to be made!

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 7, 2019.**

The volunteer for next meeting's prayer is Chris Hohrun.

Respectfully submitted and God Bless You,

Theresa Facciani

Parish Council Secretary