

St. Martin Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

Attendees: Lynn Schaal, Pat Pawlak, Pat McCain, Doreen Dudek, Deacon Mike Grzeca

Meeting called to order at 6:44pm

We opened with a group prayer dialogue from the gospel of Matthew.

Motion to approve the November meeting minutes as written was made by Pat McCain and seconded by Doreen Dudek.

Individual Committee reports were as follows:

Finance Council: A few new guidelines have been added to the Catholic school tuition assistance program. They include:

*K-12th grade

*deadline to submit form is June 1

*An 'active' family had to be redefined to mean 20 or more hours per year of volunteer work above and beyond church attendance.

Helping Hands: This group met Jan 23rd. A special collection will be taken up to reimburse the construction company that extended their services to a needy parishioner.

Youth: An ice skating party has not been planned to date due to the Crawford Center being booked. Lynn and Doreen suggested possibly roller skating in GB. RE teachers will have an online in-service in May.

Liturgy Planning: Online meeting during the week of Jan 29 to discuss Lent/Holy Week. St. Martin is host parish for confirmation this fall.

Stewardship: Feb 25 meeting incorrectly put on the planning calendar, so Linda will delete. Upcoming events to think about include the parish picnic, county fair

and Stewardship weekend. Deacon Mike also suggested this group consider preparing a Stewardship plan.

Church Renovation Project: Proxy needed from the Diocese. As of Jan 23rd, a verbal ok was given over the phone. Renovations will begin on February 15 with the hope we will celebrate Holy week in the newly renovated space! Habitat for Humanity has shown interest in taking a few of the smaller pews.

Parish Council Plan: We received a sample handout outlining ideas for our parish council future plan. Having more lay people take ownership in some of the tasks in the parish will sustain St. Martin as a self-sufficient and viable parish well into the future. Our group plans to read over this sample and continue to gather ideas for a 2019 published plan.

The joint finance/parish council meeting will take place March 22nd. Categories of the budget will be provided by Deacon Mike at the February parish council meeting for easy reference.

Other Business: Bishop's Appeal 2018 is \$13,682 which is down from last year's goal of \$13,922.

Spring parish retreat ideas: Our Lady of Good Help and/or day trip to Marquette, MI to visit Bishop John.

Adult Enrichment spring program = Tales from the Madhouse videos/discussion

*****Motion to adjourn made by Pat and seconded by Lynn at 8:30pm*****

Next meeting: February 22 @ 6:30pm

Meeting minutes prepared by: Doreen Dudek, parish council secretary