

St. Mary

Parish Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday September 5, 2023

In Attendance: Barb Smith, Cindy Criteser, Veronica Waugh, Kathie Carpenti, Albert Damitio, Noelia Contreras, Father Sean.

➤ Visitors: Shannon Lewis.

Father Sean and Barb Smith opened the meeting at 7:07pm with prayer.

The minutes from the June Mtg were motioned to approve by Cindy Criteser, seconded by Veronica Waugh, and approved.

TERM Updates

- Dates Term Up were review and approved
 - Barb – June 2024
 - Carolyn – June 2024
 - Thomas – June 2024
 - Jenn – June 2025
 - Veronica – June 2025
 - Noelia – June 2025
 - Cindy – June 2026
 - Roseann – June 2026
- Kathie Carpenti was appointed as member of the Council. For a term of 3 years ending 2026
- No quorum for elections. Moved for next meeting.

MINISTRY REPORTS were read.

- **Youth Group** were experiencing some difficulties for the proposition to divide St. Mary's group for language barriers or culture, and it was approved by the council that there is no segregation permitted at our parish.
- **Hispanic Ministry** reported the activities for the next months:
 - Families Retreat September 8-10.
 - Health Fair –September 23.
 - Nueva Vida Retreat –October 20-22

- **Faith Formation** announced the activities for next months:
- Family Movie Night is back on October 13.
- Religious Education is back to classes on September 18.
- Adult Religious Education is back with the theme “Prophets”.
- **A Time to Remember** is set for November 8th at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- **Hospitality**
- Asked for accessible wheelchairs by the doors entrance. -They are under the church’s stairs-
- Still working on recruiting members.
- Badges are done.
- Asked for the brochure for newcomers and the answer is that they are working on it but need to be finished. And also needs to be translated in Spanish.

CSA Update

- \$68,007 is this year’s goal.
 - \$49,000 accounted,
 - We are 83% and is expected to be done by the end of October.
 - Still need to account for checks.
 - Still reaching the families that haven’t donated.
- Time Is Now September 17th and 24th
 - looking for the speakers for the 24th masses.
 - The planning committee asked all groups and ministries for posters to express their activities and invited them to be part of the groups.
 - The set-up day is scheduled for September 23, and we need volunteers.

Family of Parishes – Father Sean

- St Simon and Jude
 - Last mass October 1st.
 - 7:07 prayers are dedicated to them.
 - Faith Formation kids are welcome to the rest of the family.
 - No Other Updates currently
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- Family Picnic was canceled. We are doing our own next time.
- All are invited to St. Thomas Apostol Fair. Call the office for volunteer positions.

Building Update –Albert

- No usage of the building for daycare because it needs to have small kids' restrooms.
- Champions want to lease at least 3 classrooms, still looking up on the charge amount.
- Boilers received maintenance.
- Back Flow done.
- Activity Center fire suppressants done.
- Repair electrical problems and leak on roof's office.
- The doorsteps were repaired.
- Classroom area restrooms were Clogged but are fixed now.
- Malinda Garcia was appointed as a new member of the Finance Council.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Blue Mass
 - Sept 10th 11:30a Mass.
 - Reception after Mass.
 - Invitations were sent
- Pet Blessing -September 30 at 2:30pm.
 - Noelia Volunteer.

Update of previous events:

- Catholic Biblical School of Michigan information night was well attended, and many are registered to attend.
- Musicians workshop was well attended.

OPEN FLOOR:

- Rosary Rally asked about the Rosary before Mass during October month. They have to contact Paul because he is the coordinator of this event.

Motion to Adjourn by Cindy, seconded by Kathie, Fr. Sean concluded with a prayer.

Meeting Closed 8:35.