

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting

Date: March 25, 2025 6:30 P.M. Location: St. Mary Church Hall

Present: Fr. Steve, Fr. Sudhakar, Gary Mumm, Chris Bishell, Bill Mezera, Paul Wegman, Daniel Herbers, Melanie Mergen, Tom Beyer, Julie Jentz, Leigh Boorn

- I. Prayer – Fr. Steve lead us in Prayer
- II. Reviewed Financial Report
 - A. We received \$13,100.00 from St. Mary's Holy Name Society toward the parish insurance that totals \$20,503.00 this year.
- III. School Update
 - A. Change with Hot Lunch Program
We are switching to a entirely self-funded with donations food program. The reasons cited are:
Funds have been cut back on Federal programs.
Excessive paperwork / regs & guidelines.
Generous offerings of donations from individuals.
- IV. Review Fish Fry - Lots of compliments on the Fish, we had a great turn out and details have been published in the bulletin.
- V. Review Sporting Raffle, THANK YOU to everyone who supported our first Sporting Raffle! We had a net Profit of \$3,209.01. Plans are being made to run a similar raffle starting June 1st. Winners to be drawn at the fall festival.
- VI. Rectory Maintenance
 - A. Bid on new drapes for the living room \$3400
 - B. Windows contract has been signed with ½ down payment of \$25,639.60 we are will be requesting donations from parish in the bulletin.
- VII. Other Maintenance Projects for Spring & Summer
 - A. Trees in the grove - branches have been cleared at cost of \$250, and additional dead trees are marked for removal.
 - B. Check the front church steps to determine why water comes into the storage room – no issues yet keep an eye on this.
 - C. Replace old front doors on the original part of the school – Cost would be too high, looking into other options such as repairs or permanently closing off.
 - D. Thank you to Steve Bernhardt for very generously donating new speakers and an amp for the church. He also installed them.
- VIII. Cemetery Treasure/ Secretary and Grounds Caretaker Still Needed. Records have been turned over to Julie in the rectory office.
- IX. Upcoming Events
 - A. 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat on March 28-30 at Camp Gray
 - B. Easter is April 20
 - C. Feast of St. Joseph the Worker Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1 at St. Charles Church
 - D. 25th Anniversary celebration for Fr. Sudhakar on Sunday, June 1. Mass with Bishop Hying at 4:00 p.m. followed by reception and meal. RSVP by May 15, by email, calling parish office or at www.stjworkerparish.com
- X. Evangelization – Leigh updated on the current activities and up-coming events
- XI. Next meeting date May 6th - Closing Prayer by Fr. Steve