

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017

Present: Ed Kopp, Father Kevin, Renee Miller, Anita Sullivan & Monica Lucas. Ed Kopp called the meeting to order. Father Kevin led opening prayer. A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Renee Miller & seconded by Anita Sullivan.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Ground: No report *Service:* No chair *Social:* No report *Worship:* No report

Formation submitted by Monica Lucas: The Junior Youth Ministry summer trip was successful. Everyone enjoyed the 4-day trip to Sandusky, Ohio. Stops included Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Cedar Point & Put-In-Bay Island. The pictures of the group will be added to those currently hanging in the cafeteria. The middle school trips began in 1999. Wednesday night religious education has begun with nearly 200 children registered. All classes will hold a special prayer ceremony for the hurricane victims. For those looking to revive their prayer life or have a moving experience learning and sharing – We are offering *LIFE IN THE SPIRIT*. The six-week experience begins Tuesday, September 19. Contests for children will be part of the Harvest Fest this year. They include, Art, Costume, and Talent. Forms will be sent home with the students next week.

Old Business

Discussion continued about roping off the baptismal font to keep people from sitting on it. Mike LaFrance will update the group soon.

Debbie Thompson attended the meeting to further discuss the needs of the women at the detention center in Brandenburg. She talked to Catholic Charities and is taking a step back from the larger goals to start with foundational work. She & Patty Farrell have been making rosaries with the inmates. The rosaries will be sent to missions. They are looking for devotionals or any print materials to share.

Debbie's new goal is to build the jail ministry budget in order to provide clothing & care packages for the female inmates. She stated that the inmates must wear grey sweat suits. Most of them don't have the resources to purchase what they need, so they trade food & other privileges for clothes/toiletries. *Debbie is hoping to get 50 people to each donate \$20.* This would be base money to begin making purchases. The hope is it will be an ongoing ministry for those who donate. The money donated will be used to purchase sweats, as well as release packages. The release packages would include personal care items. The items would be tagged, from St John's. Debbie is willing to coordinate the effort. She is looking for others to join her in working this ministry. Father approved using the current jail ministry budget. A flyer will be developed to email out, bulletin announcement, and information will be added to the church webpage. (stjohnonline.org). She also mentioned how much the inmates enjoy receiving mail. There is hope a group would like to begin a card-sending ministry. The council supported all these efforts.

Next meeting: Monday, November 13th at 6:30pm in room B.

Father led closing prayer. Ed adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Lucas

Minutes approved by Father Kevin and Ed Kopp