

Cathedral of St Mary
Parish Council Minutes
January 14,2020

ATTENDANCE: (Those Present in BOLD) **Father August Koeune, Carey Hartmann, Kelsey Kean, Diane Prunty, Father Andrew Kinstetter**, Father Jaimon Dominic, **Rosemary Barrett**, Jim Casey, **Renee Cudney, Diane Gonnely, Brian Greene, John Kaiser, Patrick Lane, John Lynch, Jeff Shafer, Flossie Vance**
Also attending Neill O'Donnell.

Meeting was called to order at 7:31AM with an opening prayer by Father August.

Approval of the Minutes- With the corrections regarding Mike McGee and spelling, John Lynch made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Greene. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL UPATE-

Father August indicated that the investments have done well over the last 2 months. \$30,000 in gifts to the School Foundation were received over Christmas. A list of approx. 6000 donors has been created for the school with a focus on the first 30.

OLD BUSINESS- CEMETERY-

The city is looking to purchase a portion of the cemetery currently owned by the Cathedral for the greenway expansion. They are willing to do appropriate landscaping. It is thought that a purchase is better than a lease. Next step is appraisal, then a contract, then Financial Committee review and decision.

PARISH MISSION-

Carey indicated that the Committee of Brian, John and Mike had done a great job putting together the mission for March 23-25.

Deacon Mike Leman, Legislative Liaison and Joe Wotawa, Director of Pastoral Ministry for the Diocese of Cheyenne will be the presenters. Mike will do Monday, Attitude and Spiritual Life. Joe will do Tuesday, Forgiveness and Spiritual Health. They both will do Wednesday, Authentic Friendship and Holy Hospitality. Fellowship will follow each presentation in Hartmann Hall.

2021 and Beyond- The committee is working on 2-3 years out to have a more National Speaker.

STATISTICAL REPORT-

Carey provided an updated report along with a trend report (both attached). Carey questioned if Amazing Parish would be able to provide a count on the total number of children in the parish vs how many are active with parish activities.

PARICH COUNCIL NAME TAGS-

Neill is going to handle getting them done.

Neill asked if staff could have either a name tag or a name plate. Council agreed either was acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS-

PARISHIONER CONCERNS-

John Lynch had a Eucharistic Minister voice concern about the Sunday 5PM Mass. They felt there was confusion on the # of cups used. Father Andrew indicated there generally isn't any issue and many times there is an abundance of available ministers willing to assist.

Flossie brought up that during a parishioner's registration they were unclear as to the opportunities available to parishioners. She wasn't sure if this was an in-person or online registration. Michelle will be asked to give new parishioners the ministry booklet with in-person registration. With online registration there is complete information for all activities within the parish for their review.

REPORTS-

Cathedral Guild- Report Attached

Knights of Columbus- Jeff reported that the Knight's had completed cleaning the Stations of the Cross during December. They had a float in the Christmas Parade. They put and took down the exterior decorations at the Bishops' residence. They have purchased digital billboard ads for the Laramie County Right to Life. Bingo is doing well. They donated (5) \$500 checks to 3 seminarians and 2 women in Formation.

Mall of St Vincent DePaul- Diane said they were working on the end of year profit distribution to various charities.

Social Concerns- Report Attached

St Mary's School- Report attached and Pat stated that on January 24th the Deputy Secretary of the US Dept of Education would be visiting the school.

Security- John Lynch said the new doors will have panic bars. The security meeting planned for January 28th will show a video of the Texas Church shooting with discussion to follow on what further can be done for security within the Church.

A meeting with the ushers and the security committee is being planned. It is important that the ushers understand the need to call 911 when they witness aggressive behavior at the Church. They must be willing to make that call. Ushers need to be wearing their name tags so that parishioners know who they can go to.

Volunteer Recognition- Next recognition will be for the Social Concerns Committee the weekend of March 14-15. Kelsey was asked to compile a list of the groups that have received recognition to date along with the list to be recognized in the future.

Youth Ministry- Report Attached

PARISH EVENTS-

Right to Life- 1/24-25

Blessing of Candles 2/1-2

Blessing of Throats 2/3

Closing Prayer was given by Father Andrew and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36am.