

# MINUTES

## Ss. Mary & Mathias Parish Council

Monday, October 28, 2019 | *Meeting called to order by* Laurie Ludman

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### In Attendance

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Laurie Ludman, Jennifer Rader, Robin Edwards, Judd Anderson, Konrad Wilke, Tim Peters, Cara Fuller, Frank Kelly, Laura Custis, Fr. Troy Richmond, Sister Cheryl Demmer, Ben Nietzel, Linda DePuydt, Deacon Dennis McDonald, and Annie Almeida

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### Absent

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Fr. Hai Dinh, Deacon Tony Mouzon, Tommy Fallon

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### Opening Prayer

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Father Troy – Read this coming Sunday’s Gospel Luke 19:1-10

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### Approval of Minutes

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The minutes from the September 2019 meeting were presented by Laurie Ludman and approved, pending adding Linda to being in attendance. Minutes will be posted to the web site and stuffed in the next available bulletin.

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### Group Discussion/Thoughts

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Group spoke about being better about getting together and being kind to each other. Bringing those we have “lost” along the way back in; finding out what needs to be done to get them back.

What other possibilities are there for more events for fun and fellowship.

Donut Sunday - Attendance and donations have been low. September was the best month in a long time.

Commending Annie for great music. A small gift was presented to Annie.

## *Committee Reports*

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### Pastor's Report

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Over the past several months, mass attendance has been low. Met with Michael Hoffman and Jake Jacks. Great meeting talking about initiatives on what we can do as a parish.

Bring a friend Sunday, this falls on day that diocese asks that mass numbers be submitted. Small invitation cards will be handed out by the hospitality ministers stationed at each of the exits after mass, encouraging them to bring a friend to church the following weekend. Discussed offering coffee and donuts on that Sunday. This will be the weekend of November 8 and 9.

Father discussed holding a prayer breakfast and/or prayer lunch (one breakfast/one lunch per week) with all parishioners. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to get to know one another. This will be on

weekdays, Father hopes to start this in January 2020. This will be 45-minute time frame and this is still in the early planning phase. Certain groups would be invited, people who don't know each other. Parish office would keep track of who responds and who doesn't. Father welcomes any feedback and/or suggestions. Discussed it will be important to be clear in the invitations to parishioners so that no one feels alienated or left out. It will take a long time to get to each parishioner.

Usher training is November 4

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## Financial Report

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Konrad submitted his report

Parish hospitality ministry - Donut Sunday, Income \$155 Expenses \$578

ADA Goal \$114,383, pledge \$72,682, received \$41,108

Goal was to save money while maintaining same phone services

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## Faith Formation Report

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Sr. Cheryl recommends going to the Auction to experience the feeling of community like nothing else.

Sr. Cheryl submitted her report.

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## SS. Mary and Mathias Catholic School Report

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Tommy Fallon submitted his report.

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## Liturgy Report

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Annie submitted her report.

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## Hospitality

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Adding donut Sunday means help is needed. There was no help in November. Parish council needs to volunteer to help Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (Laura)

Good opportunity to promote what church life is about

Keep things simple: coffee and donuts

We will stick with doing breakfast casseroles four times per year. It is difficult to ask the same people to do all the cooking – would be good to have additional volunteers.

Should name tags be made available for BAFTCS (Bring A Friend to Church Sunday) Agreed we would not do this

Most people know somebody they can invite

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## Social Action

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Frank submitted his report

He shared that they have lost the supplier of coffee and chocolate, looking for someone else however enough to get through the end of the year have.

Thinking about doing something for toddlers in church perhaps purchasing some silent toys for kids – Frank is considering getting some that the kids could take with them.

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## Hispanic

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Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place Sunday, December 8 at the school gym. Spanish mass at 12:30, food and entertainment to follow. Everyone in parish is welcome.

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## Stewardship

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Next week is next meeting.

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## Safety Initiative

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Sr. Cheryl provided handout with all necessary information.

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## School

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Ben Nietzel provided short presentation about things going on at the school. Improvements and parent donations/volunteers saving a lot of money.

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## New Business

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Want commission goals reviewed by your committees. They will be reviewed at the retreat in January. Bring information from next meeting with you to retreat.

Retreat is January 18 from 9:00 mass to 1:00 pm. Mass will be in church, chapel, or Mazzuchelli church.

Minutes from retreat could be reviewed.

Laurie will send commission goals and objectives to everyone.

Soup Supper will be January 25.

Priesthood weekend went very well and was appreciated.

Sending thoughts and prayers for Fr. Hai and his family (father).

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## Next Meeting

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Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Gannon Hall

Reminder: No December meeting

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## Closing Prayer

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Closing prayer by Fr. Troy

Pray for Fr. Hai and his family in their current circumstances