

St. Paul's Parish/Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Father Jazmines led with an opening prayer. Present were Thomas Murphy, Esther Reape, John Kiechle, Janet Zando, Patty Turpin, Mary Ann Yuhas and Kareta Olshfski.

The members reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on December 12th. On motion by Janet Zando, seconded by Thomas Murphy the minutes were unanimously approved.

A letter from the Village of Black River was read offering to purchase the vacant land adjacent to the Rectory for \$34,000 with the funds being available from the Village after June 1st. This letter and a letter from Father Jazmines approving this transaction has been forwarded to the Diocese, since in speaking with members of the Parish Council/Finance Committee everyone is in favor of this sale.

Current financial statements were presented to the committee for their review. Members commented on the decrease in revenue and Father said he would address that when speaking regarding the Living Stones.

The Mass schedule for Lenten services was reviewed, from Ash Wednesday through Easter. The soup/bread meal will be held following stations at St. Paul's which will be every other Friday evening starting March 6th. Holy Thursday Mass will be at St. Paul's, Good Friday services at St. Mary's, Easter Vigil at St. Mary's and regular Sunday Mass schedule will be on Easter. There was discussion as it relates to the Easter egg hunt and that will be held on Easter Sunday (weather permitting) or the week following.

Kareta asked what the council's projection was for St. Rita's and both Janet and Patty advised in the Parish Documents it will remain an Oratory for 5 years.

Kareta relayed information as it relates to an Events Committee. Lucille Frank has contacted Julius and Beverly and they have agreed to head up an Events Committee to plan various fund raising events to include dinners, raffles, rummage sale etc. They are in the very initial planning stages so more information to come.

Father reported receiving communications very shortly after his arrival from William Amoriell as it relates to the Living Stones. They are focusing on the 3 areas that were determined to need attention and then those areas are to be reviewed, perhaps consolidated with St. Mary's. After discussion, Father feels Outreach should be the area of concern and asked members if they would be willing to serve on the committee. Janet advised she would be unable to. Greeters were discussed and that will be pursued. Thomas Murphy explained that the Priest at Fort Drum is soon to be deployed and that would leave the soldiers and their families without a pastor. Father asked Kareta to make some contacts as it relates to this and perhaps we could get a communication out to the Military Base with our Mass times, etc.

Janet asked that it be included in the bulletin around March 19th asking for donations for Easter flowers. She and Patty will decorate for Easter.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.