

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Father Jazmines opened the meeting with a prayer. Present were Ann Delles, Judy Stoffel, Gail Patrick, Mary Boucher, Jeffrey Hughes, Frank Laverghetta, Dennis Olshfski, Noel Voos and Kareta Olshfski.

The minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting was reviewed and on motion by Frank Laverghetta seconded by Noel Voos the motion was unanimously carried.

All reports that were prepared for the December 11th meeting that was cancelled due to a storm was also presented for review.

It was reported that the sale of St. Joseph's was completed on 2/10/20 with the amount of \$25,511 being deposited to St. Mary's checking account. The loan of St. Mary's was paid in full.

St. Theresa's purchase offer has been forwarded to the Diocese and the priests council will be meeting on March 19th to review the proposal. After that meeting the request will be sent to the Supreme Court for approval.

The balance in the capital campaign account was discussed and members asked Father Jazmines if that could be included in the Diocese bankruptcy. He stated that he was advised that since those funds have been established for a specific purpose they would not be included.

Stations of the Cross will be at St. Mary's every other week, with stations at St. Paul's the opposite weeks. The schedule for Holy Week was reviewed with Holy Thursday at St. Paul's at 7 PM, Good Friday services at St. Mary's at 3 PM, Holy Saturday Vigil at St. Mary's at 8 PM and Easter Sunday regular Sunday Mass schedule.

Father advised the members of communications from the Diocese as it relates to Living Stones. These committees have not met since 2018, when decisions were made as to what churches would remain open and their Mass schedules. The Diocese is requesting that we revisit these 3 categories, Elements to Support Vibrant Parishes, Faith Formation Support Personnel and Faith/Community Programming. Father Jazmines feels these categories are adequate and wishes to proceed with Outreach Programs and suggest we meet next month and then meet jointly with St. Paul's.

Father Jazmines informed the members that he has sent a letter to Bishop LaValley that he wishes to retire in September 2021 and wanted to give the Diocese time to determine how they will proceed with staffing St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

There was discussion as it relates to mass attendance and those that have left the parish. Father feels they should be contacted and encouraged to return.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.