



St. Michael's ATM Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Below is a summary of the Agenda items that were discussed during the meeting held via Zoom and cell phone. Thank you to all who were able to join us.

Opening Prayer:

- ◆ Before Kathy led the ATM Prayer, she thanked Kathleen for sending out the reminder that today is Blessed Mother Mary's birthday.

◆ August 11 Meeting Minutes:

- ◆ Kathy reported that no corrections/additions were received, so minutes are considered approved.

◆ Budget Report:

- ◆ Kathy reviewed and there were no questions.
- ◆ Paul suggested that parishioner donations be sent to Holy Family Parish (HFP) monthly. Motion was made, seconded, and members approved.
 - Request will be submitted monthly to Deacon David for approval and Karen will send a check.
- ◆ Bluegrass Concert proceeds:
 - \$4,000 was sent to Center for Christian Action in August.
 - \$3,447.23 (remaining amount) was recently sent to the Teen Venture Center (TVC).
 - Heather Smith, Director, advised Paul on September 4 via email that funds were received and thanked us for the generous donation.
 - Heather also advised that since students are now attending, they could always use cleaning supplies and disinfectant wipes. Paul will coordinate with Heather to see whether supplies will be ordered possibly on Amazon Smile and shipped directly there or if funds will be sent.
 - Discussion was held regarding TVC's needs and members agreed to set aside \$750.
- ◆ SCRIP Gift Card Program
 - Kathy reported that Deacon Andy Cirimo encouraged ministries to purchase SCRIP gift cards for items needed or for making purchases.
 - Members agreed to use Walmart, Amazon, etc. gift cards to purchase school and cleaning supplies for TVC. This would support both Appalachia and SCRIP Gift Card Program.
 - Suzanne reinforced the idea of ATM purchasing the supplies, since the Walmart and local stores may not have the needed materials.

◆ Action Items:

- ◆ Thank-You notes to ATM contributors
 - Rather than notes, letters will be sent. Copies are being made at church. Kathy & Paul have ordered return address self-seal envelopes and stamps. They will assemble the packets and notify volunteers when they are ready. Volunteer can either pick their packet up at church in the ATM mailbox, pick it up from Kathy & Paul, or Kathy & Paul will deliver it. Each letter will be individually addressed and personally signed.
- ◆ Mike Walker's memorial donations
 - Currently \$1,230 has been donated. Will Langley reported that they are simply waiting for Juanita to confirm what should be written on the stone. He is going to call Juanita to see if she would be comfortable meeting at church or a secure location.

- ◆ Blanket Drive – Purchase?
 - Paul and Kathy spoke with Nora, who has been in touch with Franny. The RAM event in Grundy was canceled, but blankets can still be used. Rather than collecting blankets, possibly Kohl's or Walmart cards can be sent to Franny and/or Holy Family Parish based on what Ralph advises.
- ◆ **HFP Council coordination with Ralph Shawver:**
 - Both Ralph and Fr. Eric joined the meeting via Paul's cell phone so everyone could hear them.
 - Paul advised Fr. Eric and Ralph that the members have discussed and recommended sending monthly ATM donations received from St. Michael's parishioners to HFP. Both Fr. Eric and Ralph said they would love to have the resources to support HFP and the Appalachian community. Kathy suggested they email us how they used the funds so we can report it to our parishioners.
 - HFP council meetings have not occurred since the outbreak of the coronavirus.
 - Ralph addressed the need for help with the flooding in Grundy. Kathy and Paul will ask Nora to check with Franny to confirm the specifics. Ralph assumed that one of the bigger churches in Grundy will be managing the majority of the organization for support coordination.
 - Kathy mentioned that ATM needs to know whether to give the funds directly to Franny or make a donation to the food pantry. Ralph and Fr. Eric confirmed that ATM should send funds to HFP.
- ◆ Update on July YMCA meeting & food pantries
 - The food bank has been taken over by someone else; however, the name is still the same.
 - Paul inquired about the need for help. Ralph said he would speak with the food pantry and ask. He will also email Paul to clarify his findings and note whether there is a need.
 - Ralph mentioned that when ATM considers sending supplies to Appalachia, it is always best to send the actual supply because it is never clear whether the money is being put to its best use.
- ◆ **Correspondence:**
 - ◆ Update on Thank-You card from Holy Family Parish
 - Most of St. Michael's parishioners and ATM members probably saw the card posted in the August 20th Flocknote, as well as, in the August 23rd and 30th bulletins. Beth Yeakel posted it on the ATM page.
 - ◆ Thank-You card received from Center for Christian Action
 - Also posted in the above Flocknote, bulletins, and ATM page.
- ◆ **Bluegrass Concert Updates:**
 - ◆ Will reported that the 2020-21 season has been canceled and he is currently working on dates for the 2021-22 season. The program will be unable to continue providing meals and drinks because of sanitation issues.
- ◆ **Liaisons' reports:**
 - ◆ Mark – Donna Lambert at St. Elizabeth's says her daughter is a teacher in Tazewell County. They have been contacted by a nonprofit agency in the area and have been talking about food and school supplies for some of the children. There is no concrete information to report, but hopefully she will call back in the coming weeks to see what ATM can help with.
 - ◆ Kathy reported that Nora has been in touch with Franny about the food pantry and blanket drive and she is still seeking information to help residents there.
 - ◆ Kathy reported that they heard from Margie. She is in Tennessee working a lot of overtime, but she has been sending notes to families in Appalachia. Ralph stated that he received one.
- ◆ **ATM Calendar:**
 - ◆ "Walking with Purpose" begins September 24/25
 - Holy Family Parish announced this in their bulletins
 - This was briefly reviewed and Kathy will check with Lauren on the status of the program for an update.

- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul “Friends of the Poor” Walk (www.fopwalk.org) – Sept. 26
 - Paul & Kathy will send information to Ralph so they can mention it in their bulletin.
- ◆ Next ATM meeting – Oct. 13 @ 6:30 PM via ZOOM.
- ◆ **Other items and issues:**
 - ◆ Will is thinking about heading down to St. Michael’s house and said it would make sense for him to take supplies like blankets. Mark asked Will to let him know when he is planning to go as he would like to try to go with him. Kathy reported that Nora told her that she would like to go down sometime this fall.
 - ◆ Bernice was unable to join, but she read an article in the Washington Post about how Coronavirus cases are rising in southwest Virginia; the article mentioned Grundy. Link provided. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/southwest-virginia-coronavirus-cases-rising/2020/09/05/b82f6b0a-ec6a-11ea-ab4e-581edb849379_story.html)
 - ◆ Paul will set up a Strategic Planning Committee meeting.
 - ◆ Paul spoke about the need to re-initiate the Spiritual Development team.
 - Only a little work has been previously completed. Paul will ask Ralph and/or Fr. Eric about how ATM can help HFP with their spiritual needs; he will send something out in the next few weeks.
- ◆ **Closing Prayer:**
 - ◆ Kathy invited members to recite the “Hail Mary” in honor of Mary’s birthday and Fr. Eric provided a closing prayer.

Attendees:

Natasha D’Cunha
Susanne Ferris

Mark Law
Brenda Miller

Paul Smith
Dona Whitehead

Kathleen Joyce
Will Langley

Ron Miller
Kathy Smith

Ralph Shawver
Fr. Eric