



St. Michael's ATM Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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:

- Kathy led the ATM Prayer.

November 10th Meeting Minutes:

- Unanimously approved with no additions or corrections.

Budget Report:

- Kathy stated that the report included income and expenditures thru December 2020. There were no corrections, so report was considered approved.
- Budget/Finance Authorizations:
 - Teen Venture Center - \$350 was approved and sent to complete their "Giving Tuesday" goal and to help with cleaning supplies.
 - Holy Family Parish - \$350 was approved and sent for them to purchase cold weather clothing since ATM was unable to have the hats, mittens, gloves, etc. drive at church.
- List of Contributors – July-December 2020.
 - Kathy compared this list with the previous one and identified 12 new donors. Bernice volunteered to send out the Thank-You letters.

Holy Family Parish (HFP) Council Coordination with Ralph Shawver:

- Update on HFP/community:
 - Ralph reported that Mass attendance is "sluggish." Some parishioners may be watching online, but no count is available. Residents are beginning to get COVID shots. Fr. Eric is conducting Wednesday Bible Study (more people participated in it than attending Mass at Richlands). COVID is affecting all activities.
- Fr. Eric/HFP priorities:
 - Planning Lenten adoration and Stations of the Cross to help uplift evangelization and "Uplift the Catholic Faith." Objectives are to grow in spirit, educate, and inspire learning more about our faith.
 - Congregation is beginning to understand stewardship and is taking on some duties and challenges at church.
 - Fr. Eric has spoken with Fr. Dan about coming to St. Michael's to thank parishioners for their support rather than request additional funds as the Diocese suggested.
 - The monthly ATM checks are a great help. HFP parishioners only contribute funds if they are at Mass. St. Francis in Staunton and Fr. Eric's previous parish have sent donations to them as well.
 - Lauren suggested that maybe a silent auction could be done to help with additional funds. Ralph noted that the local Catholic community is "not so savvy" online and that HFP is quite happy with ATM's support, "more than generous."
 - Fr. Eric stated that the emergency fund, which is where the monthly ATM donations are applied, has a current balance of \$22,000, but their goal is \$30,000. They incurred a \$6,000 expenditure for HVAC repair at one of the churches. He noted that these systems are old at all of the churches. These funds are also used to assist each church's outreach ministries.
 - Fr. Eric sends ATM checks made payable to either a food pantry, Center for Christian Action, or Teen Venture Center as indicated on the checks. This process is working. Ralph wants the organizations to understand that the local Catholic Church is involved.
 - Deacon Dave stated that his biggest concern is how many years will HFP have Fr. Eric and St. Michael's have Fr. Dan. He is concerned about continuing the relationship between the two parishes. If new pastor(s) are assigned, he's not certain how long the existing relationship would

continue. Also, with COVID, this is not a normal time. ATM is glad to be of assistance, but not certain when ATM members can return to the area again.

- Numbers of parishioners is down because some have retired and moved to be closer to their children.
- Ralph stated that he is looking forward to when ATM members can return and help with evangelization (programs, expertise, etc.).
- Paul mentioned that ATM has reorganized with three teams: 1) Holy Family Parish; 2) Center for Christian Action and Teen Venture Center; 3) Strategic Planning & Budget/Finance. We will re-engage after COVID.
- Center for Christian Action:
 - Kathy advised that ATM sent a copy of “Reading God’s Word” to Sally Rush in December.
 - Paul and Kathy spoke with both Sally and Kim on December 17, 2020. All 74 of the Angel Tree tags had been taken and purchased. The food account had funds and they were OK with operating expenses.
- Teen Venture Center:
 - Kathy advised that ATM sent a copy of “Reading God’s Word” to Heather Smith in December.
 - Mark reported that he talked with Heather a few weeks ago. Due to COVID, attendance is restricted to 10 teens at a time. Center is in good shape with smaller number.

Correspondence/Publicity:

- Kathy read a note from Fr. Dan thanking ATM for his birthday card and good wishes. He stated his appreciation for the work ATM members are doing.
- Kathy read portions of a Christmas letter that ATM received from Tazewell Young Life. Joe and Andy are the new leaders and are building relationships with small groups of students and have had game and movie nights. They are also working on building relationships with staff and administrators at Tazewell High School. ATM will reach out to them to determine if they need any help. Mark suggested that maybe they could work with Teen Venture Center. However, there are different demographics.
- Kathy noted a number of Holy Family Parish’s bulletins have mentioned ATM’s support to them and to local food pantries. She also mentioned ATM receiving a December 11, 2020 appreciation letter for our monthly donations. This letter was published in both the December 17th St. Michael’s Flocknote and the December 20th bulletin.
- Kathy shared a November 25, 2020 Thank-You letter received from “Good Samaritan” food pantry.

Liaisons’ Reports:

- Laureen sent out Christmas cards to St. Theresa’s parishioners and received 20 cards in return.
- Mark spoke with Donna Lambert. Her daughter, Lisa is a teacher in an elementary school. Donna requested prayers since the incidences of COVID is so high there.
- No news from Nora (at Bible Study this evening).
- No news from Margie.

Calendar:

- Reviewed dates listed on Agenda.
- Next ATM Meeting is March 9 at 6:30 PM.

Other Items and Issues:

- Kathy shared that HFP’s December 20, 2020 bulletin showed a \$10,000 donation and a \$10,000 grant were received for the St. Mary’s Backpack program.
 - Fr. Eric reported that ~\$6K has been used to purchase food vouchers for 232 children. Program has been briefly suspended due to supplier issues and vehicles available to get the food.
 - Kess suggested that Fr. Eric contact the local police to see if they can assist.

Closing Prayer:

- Fr. Eric provided the closing prayer and blessing.

Attendees:

Fr. Eric Anokye
Bernice Allen
Susanne Ferris
Taylor Horvath
Laureen Hyman

Kess Kessler
Mark Law
Brenda Miller
Ron Miller

Deacon David Nemetz
Paul Smith
Kathy Smith
Ralph Shawver