

MINUTES

Name	Present
Fr. Andrew Vogel	X
Bill Fitzpatrick, Trustee	X
Karen Kohlmeyer, Cemetery Trustee	X
Mary Mell, Member	A
Jean Meyer, Chair	X
Mike Moriarty, Trustee	A
Kathy Sexauer, Member	X
Butch Shuda, Contract Maintenance	X
Debi Shuda, Parish Staff Bookkeeper / (Volunteer) Youth Coordinator	X
Deacon Bob Yerhot	X

Opening Prayer

**Accept previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Kathy, seconded by Butch. Carried.

1. Pastor's Report

St. Mary's Marathon results had record earnings this year.

- a. Upcoming Events: Fr. Stated that the Bishop is thinking of coming to St. Mary's during Catholic School Week at the end of January, 2025. **UPDATE:** The Bishop has confirmed his attendance for visiting on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 1pm.
- b. Upcoming Trips/Sessions: None
- c. Upcoming Responsibilities: Last week of December - Fr. will be attending a wedding in Indiana -- someone from the Seminary will be celebrating Mass for the weekend.

2. Parish Finances

- a. Presentation of Financial Reports: Debi  
**Motion to accept:** Motion by Karen and seconded by Kathy to accept the financial reports as presented. Carried.
- b. Transfer of excess funds from Cemetery Account:  
 After discussion regarding the amount funds currently in the cemetery checking account, the council felt it would be best to transfer excess funds.  
**ACTION:** Motion by Karen, seconded by Bill to transfer \$7,300 from Cemetery Checking account to the Cemetery Permanent Care Fund. Carried.
- c. The current donated copier has reached its life span and the Maintenance Vendor has suggested that we look for a new to us copier to replace. The vendor currently has a refurbished copier for \$4,795. With council approval the vendor would install it on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.  
**ACTION:** Motion by Bill and seconded by Kathy to approve the purchase of the refurbished copier at \$4,795. Carried.
- d. CMA Appeal -- St. Patrick's has exceeded their goal. All proceeds over the goal amount will come back to St. Patrick's.

3. Parish Outreach/Environment (Jean)

- a. Parish Outreach:
    - Current community outreach:
      - Results from Trunk or Treat (Debi): 62 kids participated in the event. Lots of donated candy!
      - Results from Baby Bottle Campaign (Debi): Raised \$1,412.58. In comparison: in 2023, we raised \$968.89. Thank you to Summer Colsch who counted the contributions each week.
    - Needs of parishioners:
      - Debi asked if we could promote the Bible Study and GOF to people in the community, not just parishioners or Catholics. One way to promote would be through fb page.
        - Discussion followed that Bible Study should not be promoted to outside of the parishioners.
- ACTION:** Jean will work with Deacon on the next steps for Bible Study.
- b. Parish Environment:
    - Décor: Ordinary Time

- November Remembrance Area
- New Lectionary season starts next week

#### 4. Buildings and Grounds

##### a. Butch's Updates:

- Suggested changing lights in Church Hall to LED. Butch would like to look at pricing to change all lights, with exception on bathrooms. Bill indicated that he will obtain pricing from Roosevelts and get back to council.
- Door at Sacristy -- Completed during Fall Clean Up day
- Cemetery Grounds -- Butch reported that there are trees overgrown at the Cemetery and he would like to cut them back. Council agreed, however, requested that another person must be with him when doing so.

**UPDATE: None**

- b. Debi informed the council that Justin Rohrer will provide plowing of parking lot at \$55/hr and Butch will provide sidewalk/front entrances snow removal at \$95/hr. Same as previous season.
- c. Bathroom Sinks -- (Karen) --
- ✓ Sinks have been delivered and waiting for installation by Foellmi Construction – November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ACTION:** Jean provided that the CCP will utilize their funds for the payment of the sinks, hardware, and installation.
- d. Rectory Work: (Jean)
- ✓ Purchased shades for renovated bedroom
  - ✓ Winter time will look at renovating the second bedroom/bathroom
- e. UPDATE: Fall Clean up day was a success. Lots of items were completed!
- f. Donations:
- ✓ Parishioner, Jan Howes, would like to make a donation of between \$500-\$1,000 for a needed item for the Church -- her suggestion would be for a handrail at the Altar incline.
    - Environment Group will look into possibilities:
      - Determined that the incline will have different carpet at that site and a small hand rail will be installed over the next 6 months.

#### 5. Faith Formation: (Debi)

- a. Confirmation student report: 7 students: 2025: 3 students; (10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sophia Grams, Ryan Riederer (at Crucifixion) and Summer Colsch (at St. Mary's)) 2026: 2 students (9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Brynn Waters, Sabrina TenKley (at Crucifixion))
- b. First Communion student report: 2 students (1 at St. Mary's and 1 at Crucifixion)
- c. Youth Activities:
- Christmas Party/Caroling will be on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>
- d. Generations of Faith:
- Professing our Faith: 2024/2025:
- e. VFW donation: provided a donation that pays for the Christmas Party
- f. Debi plans to conduct a presentation on Steubenville prior to asking students if they would like to attend. She plans to provide a presentation at GOF on December 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a video and Debi will ask Jackson Zaiger to talk to youth on his experience. There are 12 youth that are eligible to attend. Debi feels that maybe 6 will sign up.
- g. Several Youth will sing on Christmas Eve.

#### 6. Cemetery: (Karen)

- a. Cemetery Policy

- b. Cemetery Boundaries
- c. Cemetery fence replacement

**ACTION:** Fr. Vogel and Karen will work together on each of the above areas. **ON HOLD**

7. Other:

- a. The Room Dividers ordered have arrived and will be set up in the basement in the near future.
- b. The Bishop has responded to St. Patrick's, that he will not be able to participate in GOF for January, February, or March, 2025. Debi will reach out to Fr. Evans and Tom Thibodeau on possibly presenting.
- c. Children's Lectionary provided during Mass each week has enough Adult leaders, but needs children to attend.
- d. Choir members would like the Gloria to be more up tempo and does have someone that can record for them. The choir is getting used to the new method still.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Agenda: Tim Gillespie from Gillespie & Associates will review the Ameriprise Accounts with council.

**Closing Prayer/ Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Kathy and seconded by Karen. Carried.