

St. Mary Our Lady Queen of Families

Minutes for September 18, 2017

The meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Bob Bauer.

In Attendance: Fr. Bob Bauer, Jake Stencel, Jo-Ellen Hellebuyck, Ann Marie Hunter, Joe Zalewski,

Visitors: Irene Gregory, Margo Pennefather, Shawn De Busschere, Donna Van Gheluwe.

New members of the council were introduced, Athena Fedenis, Rebecca Zainos and Barbara Shoemake.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Worship: Protecting God's Children is Oct. 11, starting with a lite meal at 5:30 workshop starting at 6p.m.

Pet Blessing at St. Dorothy at 4 p.m. on Oct. 1st.

Mission, Oct. 1st to 4th at St Dorothy

Living Rosary, Oct. 13th at 7 p.m.

Ron Kessler suggested bringing back the bells at the consecration again.

Christmas decorations were discussed with maintenance.

Bake sale at the picnic was a great success.

Christian Service: Giving Tree will start Nov. 11/12 and end Dec. 2/3

Anniversary mass will be Feb. 11, 2018 at 9 a.m. Mass at St. Dorothy site.

There will be 5 Soup Suppers this Lent, Feb. 21 & 28, March 7, 14, 21.

Baby Bottle Drive will be from 5/13 until 6/17.

They would like a secure place for their supplies.

Education: A 5 part program on the Mass was discussed. Ron Kessler suggested the possibility of home visits. There will be A Living Rosary on the grounds of Warren City Hall on Oct. 14, 2017.

Vicariate Meeting. Mary Miller

10 parishes out of 23 attended the meeting. Discussion about what constitutes proper Hosts for Communion. The Beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey was discussed. Deacon Bill Kolarak discussed "Unleashing the Gospel". Fr. Cooney would like to see more Pastor's at the Ministerial Meetings.

Old Business: The picnic was a success again, although the attendance was lower than last year. Bake sale \$654, Silent Auction \$544 and Meals \$1,350. It was suggested there be more adult games.

New Business: There will be a Parish Breakfast on Oct. 15th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. There was a discussion of the smaller projects around the parish being done by volunteers.. Fr. Bob stated that Capitol Funding is being considered to pay for projects. Also fundraisers for specific projects is being considered. Finance Council is going to appoint a new representative to council as John Forest has retired from Finance Council.

Protecting God's Children has 40 people registered so far.

Christmas Dinner will be 12/9 at 5 p.m.

Joe Zalewski is the new Vice Chairman of Parish Council.

It was suggested that a "Thank You" letter for volunteers be sent out with the Christmas Letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.