

Church of St. Mary Parish Council

Meeting Minutes September 11, 2018 6:45 pm

- I. Opening prayer: None-there were 4 people in attendance
- II. Quorum (no) Attendance: Sandy Franco; Terry Thompson (arrived Later) , Fr. Paul Boudreau; David Berthiaume; Janet Nocek; Brian Wallace; Monique Madden (arrived later); Also in attendance: Marilyn McGrath
- III. Minutes of May 18: Sandy reported the May minutes were not available.
- IV. Old business – and general discussion: Sandy distributed the letter to parishioners that would inform them about and invite them to participate in the parish council
- V. Finance – Fr. Paul described an ongoing situation: a discrepancy in the report by the Diocesan office and Fr. Paul’s interpretation. Tom Belzek has worked hard on the finances and a report has been produced.
- VI. Committee Updates
 - a) Faith Formation – no report
 - b) Ladies Guild- the Fair is on hold due to the construction project
 - c) Youth Group. Sandy Franco reported: Gerry Duclos will continue with Youth Music Ministry while Sandy will serve as Youth Group coordinator. Next meeting is September 23. Service will be the focus of fun projects to engage the teens.
 - d) Website: Brian Wallace discussed the challenge of adding video.
 - e) Rectory – Brian Wallace reported there is a possibility a home inspector may be able to help with the evaluation and planning needed
 - f) Liturgical – Marilyn McGrath
- VII. New Business
 - a) Discussed the letter that will describe what the Council does, which is i to inform the pastor of the parish members’ needs and wants.
 - b) Church pews/floor: The project has begun!
 - c) Office for Safe Environment There is a link on the parish website to report any threat to youngsters especially due to situations involving parish staff, volunteers, or clergy. A national program informs the diocesan standards. Sue Ferraiolo administers the training and compliance.
- VIII. Open discussion: The topic brought up: How can we appear to be welcoming; how are new or inquiring visitors perceiving our parish?
- IX. Closing Prayer was led by Sandy Franco who thoughtfully included a prayer for those affected by the September 11 attacks
- X. Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Nocek