

In attendance: Larry Raab (Larry), Mark Heyde (Mark), Paul Matenaer (Paul), Dan Schneider (Dan), Ryan Zakrzewski (Ryan Z.), Jennifer Anderson (Jen), Ryan Hartberg (Ryan H.), Debby LaBerge (Deb)

I. Meeting called to order at 6:35, group picture taken

II. Opening prayer- Larry

III. Approval of October 13 minutes with minor changes

1st Sue, 2nd Jen

IV. Pastor's Report-Larry- Fr. William apologized for not attending the parish council meeting. He has been very busy this week preparing for 4 funerals: Frank Eichman, Marge Esser, Thomas Cullen and Richard Rothwell. He asked that we keep the departed and their families in our prayers.

Fr. William mentioned that for the upcoming "Year of Mercy", the Bishop has asked all priests to expand Reconciliation hours to every Tuesday night in Advent and Lent from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Parish Spaghetti Dinner had a good turnout - about 250 served, raising \$500.00 for the High School Ministry program.

Confirmation was held at Our Lady Queen of Peace by Bishop Morlino. St Christopher Parish had 22 people confirmed.

The Fall Bazaar is this weekend, Nov. 14-15. R\Fr William encouraged all to support the bazaar which is a major fundraiser for the CCW and our parish.

V. Goals: 2015 -2016

1. Evangelize and Outreach through book gifting at Christmas Masses.

Lead persons, Larry, Deb

2. Encourage active participation in Parish Community through the biannual Time and Talent Fair and annually through the Time and Talent brochure.

3. Support Catholic Education by providing scholarships.

Lead person Paul

4. Support and reinforce Religious Education and Youth Ministry.

- a.
- b.
- c.

5. Survey the Parish in Spring for input toward 2016-2017 Parish Council goals.  
Lead persons, Ryan H., Ryan Z

6. Promote the 'Year of Mercy' through various parish activities and communications.  
a. Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass  
b. expanded confession times  
c. formation of Divine Mercy Cenacles  
d. Divine Mercy Novena

Lead person, Mark

7. Support Parish families growing together as a Parish Family through community service.  
Group effort, Ryan H., Ryan Z., Jen

VI. Book gift giving plan:

1. put family name on book (sticker or book mark)
2. distribute in weeks before Christmas
3. support Adult Faith committee as needed

VII. Commission and Committee liaisons:

a. Worship and Spiritual Life (Liturgy)-Paul

b. Religious Education & Formation- Ryan H.

- i. spaghetti dinner served 280 plates and raised \$510
- ii. 17 young people Confirmed (16 HS, 1 3rd gr.)
- iii. At least 7 Confirmed teens (1 from last year) will be participating regularly in small groups post-Confirmation.
- iv. Laurie asked for prayers for the parents/families of our religious ed students.

c. Parish Life- Ryan Z.

- i. Packer Chili party time has been changed due to game time change

d. Stewardship- Fr. William

- i. This commission still needs formation.

e. Human Concerns / Social Justice / Pro Life- Sue

f. Vocations- Fr. William

g. Building & Grounds- Fr. William

h. CCW- Sue

- i. Come to the Bazaar this Saturday.

i. Knights of Columbus- Mark

j. Respite Care Team- Ryan Z.

k. Saint Vincent de Paul- Larry

l. Technology- Dan

m. Adult Faith- Deb

n. St. Hermine's Home- Fr. William

o. Other

VIII. Next meeting is December 8 after 5:30 Mass

IV. Closing prayer- Larry

X. meeting adjourned at 8:05

Action Items

1. Mechanics of book distribution

2. specific actions to support and reinforce religious education and youth ministry- goal #4