

Minutes of October 18 2016 Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. with an opening prayer led by Father Walter.

The minutes of the 2015-2016 Annual meeting were read by Gary Ver Voort and approved and seconded as read by Jim Brockman and Don Murphy.

Treasurer Trustee, JoAnn Bowers, spoke on the fund-raising events, thanking everyone for their volunteer work. Without the volunteers these events would not be possible.

Secretary Trustee, Gary Ver Voort, spoke on some of the up-coming projects that the parish is looking into.

Cortney Curran, Parish Business Manager, gave a statement on the current finances and congratulated the parish on making the Bishop's Appeal for the second straight year. She stated the budget looked good. Cortney also mentioned the handicap fund was used by another pastor to pay bills a few years ago and asked how we were going to pay this back. Cortney also commented on the \$3,000 dollars the parish gave to Jacob Koepke for his mission work that he was doing with NET Ministries.

Julie Cassiani talked to those in attendance about using your RMD from your IRA to give to the church and about the Catholic Order of Foster Funds available for school tuition.

The Finance Council Chair, Jim Smith, did not speak but turned the floor over to Father Walter. Father spoke on our goals for the up-coming years. He also introduced the new members to the Council, Jim Smith and Don Murphy.

Jean Peterson, Chairperson for the Pastoral Council, talked about how happy she was to work with this committee and being able to do Jesus's work through the committee.

Kathy Brennan, Coordinator of New Evangelization, announced that Jennifer Jochman would be working with grades six through eight as their new coordinator. Kathy also announced that the last 15 minutes of each class will be spent in church in adoration and prayer. We now have 40 catechists however could still use additional catechists to reach all 355 students.

St. Nicholas School Principal, Travis Gerrits, talked about the before and after care school program that would run until 5:30 p.m. They hired Rebecca Whitfield as the new 7th grade teacher. Travis also mentioned that the students worked together to raise \$450 to purchase a teddy bear for a little Menasha boy who was gravely sick.

The Capital Campaign Committee, represented by Mark VanderLinden, spoke to those present on the status of the Building For the Future initiative. From October 2015 to October 2016, we are at the \$1,000,000 mark. He also stated the stained glass window project would be starting very soon. This initiative was already approved by the Green Bay Diocese.

Chad Evers, Chairperson of the Building for the Future committee, spoke on the building plans which were on display for everyone to see.

The Maintenance Committee was represented by Deacon Gary Vanness. He announced that Richard Vander Linden would be volunteering as part time custodian who will be working 16 hours a week. Deacon Gary also mentioned the committee is looking for additional members to join them.

The Cemetery Committee spokesperson, Vern Newhouse, was recognized as being on this committee for 30 years. It was announced that Tony Garvey donated \$1,000 to fix items in the cemetery. The committee also received two anonymous additional \$1,000 donations. The committee installed 60 plus name plates to stones and monuments that could no longer be read.

Ann Thelen, from the Worship Committee, talked about the new hymnals they obtained, the work being done with new Eucharist distributors and the Lectors on reading with more power. The committee is also working on moving the crucifix to the center of the church between the openings of the tabernacle area.

Nathan Peters from the Stewardship Committee mentioned he needs addition people to join this committee before he can get this committee started.

Heather Ponschock spoke on behalf of the Living Justice Committee which began December of 2015. Since then they have worked on the Angel Tree and Mother's Day Rose sale. Proceeds from the rose sale were donated to the Right to Life movement. They are working on helping people to obtain grants that are available and the Hats and Mittens drive which has started. This committee has four members and could use more members.

The Pastoral Report was given by Deacon Gary. Items covered were the current Baptismal classes, the new parish member welcome, Widows and Widowers Support Group, Sister Sandy's Prayer Shawl Committee, funeral preparation, work with the mass servers, communion distributors and lectors.

Additional comments to the Pastoral Report regarding the staff changes that occurred this past year were given by Father Walter. Father also mentioned that the rest of this report was printed in the inside cover of the annual report.

Vern Newhouse spoke of the parish's other cemetery near Twelve Corners.

Jack Nienhaus mentioned how heavy the new hymnals are.

Jodi Roskowski talked about the songs that are being sung in church and how they are trying to have more upbeat music.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by a motion made by Tom Murphy and seconded by Judy Bekkers.

Respectfully submitted.

Gary Ver Voort