

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Bloomington, New York

Parish Council Meeting – April 16, 2012

Present – Fr. Stephen, Lisa Dyer, Tom Virgilio, Tom Demsey, Maryann Malamas, Richard Hutchings, Bob Ernst, Bonnie Sisco, Joe Faioli

Absent – Gail Arsenault, Phil Fayol, Thea Woodward

Visitor – Johanna Luciano

Call to Order

Opening prayer; next meeting is May 21 (no conflicts)

Review of Minutes – Bob Ernst, motion to accept January minutes; Maryanne Malamas motion to accept March/February minutes. Both accepted

Revision of constitution – Article 5 was reworded; Motion to accept the revisions-accepted. Ministries- we do not have a prison or K of C ministry. A determination needs to be made whether we have a CWV associated with our parish. AA poc to be forwarded to Tom V. Beth Texter is the poc for the Lady Carmelites

Youth Member Report – no youth member present

Religious Ed Report – Final youth mass for the year is 4/29/2012. Oct 20, 2012 will be the next youth mass. Next year's calendar has been completed. New books should be ready for all classes. Some confusion of what day the youth mass scheduled for. Monsignor Peter suggested to encourage parents to go to mass with their children at least once a month - As a minimum requirement. A discussion of how to encourage parents to attend mass with their children. Suggestion was made that if you don't attend mass you can't receive the sacraments. Possible consequences to religious contract agreements. Possibly establish a policy of what parents need to do for their child to continue religious education. Review at the current religious ed agreement; what are parents saying; explore other avenues. Problem is not exclusive to this parish.

Pastoral Assistant Report – Discovering Christ's next meeting is April 16. Other meetings are planned.

Finance Council Report – nothing to report; they have not had a meeting in a while. Thea can't work on Wednesdays. If she cannot attend a meeting, Bob Ernst will report on the Finance Council's activities.

Maintenance Report – Two air conditioners need to be replaced – some discussion over whether their replacement is in the budget; Tom will present the cost of the replacement of the two units to the finance council to determine if the money is there. Mowing has started.

No music for the Saturday night mass. A discussion ensued on what it would cost to have music for this mass; Further discussion in May.

Coffee hour for Mother's Day – Discussion about whether it's worth having as not many people show up for the about of work involved to set it up. If we are going to have it we need to let Gail know so she can prepare the coffee set up. Discussion over whether we should have a Mother's Day breakfast. If no one steps up only a coffee hour will be held.

Food Pantry – The food pantry grant request has been submitted, we will know in July if we will be awarded the grant. The food purchase from the Regional Food Bank in April was funded by a \$1,500 donation from Wakefern and \$ 80 from the Food Bank. A volunteer stepped up to pick up the food. We need a volunteer for the record keeping for the grant. A new chair person is needed for the food pantry. Chair person must, place orders, keep track of inventory, set up a schedule for each team. Some question on whether the food pantry will still need all the freezers – depends on the size of the grant.

Liaison Report update – Lisa – The Centennial Committee is moving forward, need a chairperson for each group; people are volunteering; asking people to come to the meetings with ideas; old photos are sought. April 26 is the next Centennial meeting. Summerfest to have another meeting-a food and grill person has been identified. Family events should be related to the Centennial celebration. Need Parish Council members to be active – whatever you can offer. 999 raffle – booklets can be handed in to the main office. G-Mart and Bloomingburg Grocery are locations to sell raffle tix. Johanna suggested that we expand the scope and times of selling raffles to bring in additional income.

There is a big pothole in the upper lot. Who is responsible to fix it?

New Business – Tom Dempsey suggested a policy to have weekday masses in the small chapel for the six month period starting in November and continuing through April. Discussion ensued – why does sit need to be so inflexible? Tom withdrew his request. New website is up – please look at it.

Final Remarks – Lisa asked that members conduct themselves with decorum as harsh language will not be tolerated. Next meeting will discuss, among other items, music for Saturday night and information on the air conditioners will be forwarded to Fr. Stephen.

Closing prayer.