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Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2013

Attendees: Father Anthony Francis Spilka, , Mary Frances King, Joe Fatula, Dolores Fatula, Cindy Shorto, Cel Neiderer, Ryan Woodruff, Jack Rovani, Bill Oleksak,

Excused: Mike Grandinetti, Olivia Murphy, Jeff Konieczny

Correspondence: Monica Petak resigned her position on Parish Council, but will continue to Chair the Activity Center committee.

Welcome Ryan called the meeting to order. Father Anthony Francis lead the opening prayer reciting a decade of the rosary to honor Our Lady during her Month of the Holy Rosary.

Roll Call: Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the September 19th meeting minutes. Noting no changes or additions, motion to accept the minutes was made by Fran King: seconded by Jack Rovani.

Standard Committee Reports:

*Men's Club* Jack reported members are finalizing preparations for their annual turkey/meat raffle Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in the church hall beginning at 2:00pm.

*CCD/Education* Cel reported CCD classes are well attended and going well.

*Cemetery* Suggestion was made that a marker be added between the graves of the bodies reinterred from the mausoleum and those in the cemetery proper.

*Building/Maintenance*

Father Anthony Francis reported a contractor was called to examine the roof in the activity center when leaking occurred due to recent heavy rains. Bids on the new church doors are slow in coming in; Father is hoping to have more information soon.

*Liturgy* Cel commented that although no liturgy meeting was scheduled, a listing of the upcoming liturgical events for the season of Advent and Christmas will be posted. Check bulletin for this insert.

*Finance* No report.

*Gabriel Project*

*Generations for Life*

Generation for Life members meet each Thursday to recite the rosary at the Johnstown Planned Parenthood center. They are also planning bus trip for a prayer vigil at the abortion clinic in Pittsburgh, PA.

The Baby Shower for Jesus was a great success with all who attended enjoying the well-planned event. The Gabriel Project gave a "thank you" donation to St Francis of Assisi Parish for the continued support it gives to this program. They also donated three (3) Sheetz coupon booklets to the Men's Club for their upcoming fundraiser.

The Gabriel Project/Generations for Life Christmas Party will be held Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the activity center; more details are forthcoming.

*Fundraising* Delores reported BINGO was well attended and thanked all who work/support this monthly fundraising parish event, including our friars. The group is purchasing more signage to advertise/promote this activity.

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*Activity Center*      With specific questions and concerns regarding the current renting of the activity center i.e. contracts, buying new equipment, RAMP training, council hopes to invite Monica Petak to the next council meeting to give a status report.

*Youth Activity*      No report.

Old Business      As demand for St Francis gobs continues to grow; Fran stated we may want to consider upgrading to another walk-in cooler. With fish fries, nut/poppy seed rolls and on-going gob making sessions scheduled, storage space for these finished products is at a premium. She also expressed the need to increase the number of workers. The reliable volunteers who continually come and give of their time and talent would welcome seeing some new recruits. Father Anthony will draft a request “calling all volunteers” ad for the bulletin. Cindy will add a flyer detailing the dates and time people will be needed to prepare/bake and package our famous gobs and rolls.

Carol Pisula is working with Father Anthony Francis to upgrade the website with features including a parish calendar listing monthly activities, as well as, adding links to the diocese, US Catholic Bishops Conference, etc.

New Business      Last year, Frank Bazyk successfully chaired the St Vincent DePaul annual Thanksgiving Food Collection Drive. Parishioners’ generously responded with food and monetary donations. Delores will contact Frank to see if he will again coordinate getting the supplies from St Vincent DePaul needed for parishioners to contribute to the food drive.

St Nicholas Christmas will be held Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. More details are forthcoming.

Cindy Shorto is investigating the new PA regulations for parish events featuring any type of small games of chance i.e. prize awards, 50/50 payouts, etc. She hopes to get further clarification on these new state guidelines.

A reminder that **ALL** groups in the parish please reserve their 2014 meeting dates and events to the 2014 parish calendar.

Pastor’s Comments

Given throughout the course of the meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Joe Fatula; seconded by Dolores Fatula.

The next council meeting will be *Thursday, October 24th; Refreshments*: Olivia Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cecilia Neiderer

Upcoming liturgical events:

- Bishop Mark will celebrant a special Mass on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at St John Gaulbert Cathedral solemnly closing the Year of Faith; check the Catholic Register for more details.
- The annual Thanksgiving Day Mass with the blessing/distribution of fresh fruit will be celebrated at 9:00am Thanksgiving Day; all are welcome.
- The Seasons of
  - *Advent*
    - Anointing of the Sick will be extended to all parishioners during Mass; date and time will be listed in the bulletin.
    - Because the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on the second Sunday of Advent, this Marion feast will be moved to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, but not as a holy day of obligation.
    - The annual West End Penance service will be held; check the bulletin for the date, parish and time.
    - Annual children's St Nicholas Party will be held December 9th in the activity center
    - Lesson and Carols Program observing the season of Advent will be presented by the St Francis of Assisi choir Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - *Christmas*
    - The 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass will feature the children's program.
    - Christmas Eve Mass at midnight; Mass at 9:30am Christmas Day
    - New Year's Eve vigil Mass and New Year's Day Mass.
    - Epiphany celebration of the three (3) Magi
    - Baptism of Jesus ending the Christmas season