

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2016

PRESENT, Mark Miller, Norma Danzie, Sister Jolene, Linda Cunningham, Michele Johnston, Tom Kraft, Kimberly Milligan, Br. Ray, Harry Wimble, Kathy MacDonald, Mary Ellen White, Sol May, Shivaun Wois
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Absent: Therese McGratty, Shonte Carson, Tony Novara, Mashauna Adams

Meeting started at 7:05 with opening prayer led Mark Miller

Minutes from February were reviewed and approved.

COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS/REPORTS:

Christian Service: Sr. Jolene reported that Trudi is getting swamped by requests for utility assistance and now rent assistance. There had been a problem reported that one of the recipients had used the routing number on a check to also apply \$800 to Comcast bill. This has been taken care of by appropriate authorities. So far Nativity has received \$25 from the Kroger donation program.

Education: Michelle provided Council with an excellent report that Confirmation classes made a tour of St. Anne's, St. Peter and Paul and the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Also discussed at length how the Walking and Praying with the Heart of Jesus was such a success. Everyone is invited to Easter Vigil at 6:00p.m. to witness a new candidate's Baptism. Reconciliation Class will be meeting on Good Friday. Michelle also handed out a brochure that Joni has designed and printed.

Evangelization: Harry Wimble explained that there were 2 events planned – A movie night on 3/20/16 at 5:30 – War Room where hot dogs and popcorn will be available and Journey Soup Supper on 4/28/16. So far two parishioners are attending the Amazing Parish Conference.

Finance Council/Stewardship: Mary Ellen White stated that the parish is tabling buying or selling a van until after the budget. Also that one bid was made for \$42,000 to fix the leakage and shoring up the tunnel ceiling and walls that need repair. They requested a more detailed bid and are seeking other additional bids. The next Finance meeting will be Wednesday at 4:00 and heads of all committees will be asked to submit budget.

Social: Next meeting will be held at 7:00 on Monday, March 21st. The last scheduled meeting was postponed secondary to snow storm.

Vicariate: Mark Miller attended the last meeting. There is no report.

Worship: No meeting.

Youth: Shonte Carson is absent so no specific report, but it was noted that Spirit Award Night was great and that there were 29 recipients of the award. As reported earlier Mark Crawford was Nativity's recipient. Nativity was well represented.

Calendar: Blood Drive was cancelled secondary to lack of nurses. They are training nurses at this time but are very short staffed.

DCPA Meeting: The meeting will be held at Nativity on March 16 and volunteers are requested to be at Nativity by 5:45p.m.

Archdiocese Survey: Mark completed survey with assistance of Parish Council. Completed survey will be sent downtown.

Budget: Mary Ellen stated that budget bill be finalized in May. Parish Council will review budget at April or May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **St. Charles:** Nothing new
2. **Life Remodeled:** Discussion was held about this event that will be held the Week of August 1-6th. 300 blocks on the east side of Detroit will have beautification projects. Nativity will try to work with Gratiot Woods and we hope to engage the youth of the Parish.
3. **Discussion: What do we like about Nativity, what we would change, how can we improve as a Parish:** Discussed trying to gear activities/programs to focus on the youth of the parish. We are trying to find interest areas for parents/members of the 25-40 age groups. We need to take a census of our present parish members.

New Business:

1. **Prayer Leaders for the Next Meeting:** Sr. Jolene will lead the opening prayers and Michele will lead the closing prayer. **Holy Thursday awards:** Br. Ray has agreed to surprise the parish with this year's recipients.

Check out: All good, except that Harry Wimble wanted to let us know that we have had a 173 visits on the Nativity Website. Also commented that noted there are 4 applicants for the College Scholarships, two for the High School and one for Grade School. Mark also noted that Nativity has received approximately \$25 in Kroger rewards. Br. Ray also noted that Ladies Night at St.Charles will be on May 6.

Closing Prayer: Meeting closed at 8:29 p.m. with a prayer led by Norma Danzie.

Next meeting will be held Monday, April 11, 2016.