

September Minutes Parish Council 9/11/2017

Present: T. Novara, H.Wimble, C. McLaughlin, ME White, C. Kulchy, M, Johnston, M. Miller, K. Milligan, H. Adams, Br. Ray, W.Adams, T.McGratty

The Meeting was opened by President, Mark Miller. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Selection of new officers for the coming year were discussed. The officers from the past year, agreed to continue for the next year and the council approved this. Mark Miller will continue as President, S. Wois as corresponding secretary and Therese McGratty as recording Secretary.

The heads of each commission also agreed to serve for another year. Christian service: Airika, Education: M. Johnston, Evangelization: Harry and Hermenia, Finance: ME White, Social: Tony and Kim, Worship: C. Kulchy, Youth: M. Johnston

Br. Ray will look into responsibilities that we may have with Vicariate. Airika will assist in updating the website. Br.Ray will contact Joe Sergent about the logistics of this process going forward. Harry will continue to update the calendar on website.

Diversity discussion continues. During the summer Joni (DRE),Fran C and Br. Ray had a meeting with Marsha Lee (who has worked with CAPS in past). We are continuing to dialog about diversity in our country, in our parish, in our worship. Br. Ray asked each of us to bring an "action" idea to our October meeting. How can we narrow the divide that exists? How do we encounter our own prejudices? Hermenia encouraged the council and the parish at large to "move past talking and begin with actions." The "praying on the corner" initiative was discussed. The group plans to meet (rain or shine) at the corner of Gratiot and McClellan on Friday evenings from 9-10 pm. All are welcome

Finance: ME White gave a report on the CSA. Our goal was \$20, 905, we exceeded this with \$26,000. The gazebo continues to have ownership issues.

Education: Vacation bible school was a success, even though only 3 Nativity children attended this multi-parish endeavor. Oct 1 is first meeting date for Religious ed. The third Friday of every month is a family fun night at St. Charles (6-8 pm) there is a meal, games for children and adults, all are welcome.

Social: the parish picnic was a success. This year there was a raffle, which was well received. We were encouraged to include the raffle again at 2018 picnic. A HUGE thank you to Danny Wois and all who helped with this.

Christian service: Trudy's report was given. SVDP, which helps neighbors in 48213 zip code (with DTE bills, water and rent) contributed \$6400 from June through August. SVDP also contributed assistance to 32 clients in the amt of \$39,190. . The food pantry fed 296 families (711 people) from June through August.

Sr. Jolene has had many visitors and is grateful for this. She continues to make progress. She looks forward to mail from the parishioners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Therese McGratty