

Holy Name Parish Council Minutes  
September 11, 2017

Members Present: Fr. McBride, Fr. Shonis, Tony Krampe, Liz Long, Connie Grossman, Nancy Latta, Rhonda Gillham, Representatives: Sed Sheffer, School, Logan Dodson, Youth.

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes: Connie Grossman made a motion to approve, Nancy Latta seconded the motion.

Finance: As of today we are short of the budget by \$18,000. The week after the finance committee members talked at Mass the collections were up \$3,700 but are now back to normal. No out of ordinary expenses. We have \$117,000 in the General Fund, \$655,000 in the Plant Fund, and \$166,000 in Cemetery Fund. When we look at the year we already have spent \$38,000 more than we have taken in. One of the reasons is that at the beginning of the year of the year Holy Name makes a large payment to the Diocese for our insurance. Rhonda Gillham made a motion to approve and Tony Krampe seconded it.

Hispanic: They will be having a celebration on Sunday. Setting up at booths at nine and will sell food after each Mass. The event is from 11 to 6 and there will be an outdoor Mass at 1. There will also be games for the kids and inflatables. This event is a family day and a fundraiser. They will be having an adult party in October and wanted to do something for families. Fr. Shonis reported the one thing that has come up is driver's licenses. He spoke with Herb McKee, County Court Clerk at the Fall Festival and he said that they will give the test in Spanish but the state has not given them money for the Spanish driver's manual. He said that in other counties the Catholic Churches have bought the manuals. We discussed the fact that the manual was probably on line. The Hispanic girls have been dancing at events. Abraham's mother has gotten many dresses in Texas that the girls can use.

Building and Grounds: There is not anything new to report.

Social Action: Ranni has been doing the Mastery in Aging classes. There are 10 participants. There has been enough money collected for the house in Mandeville. They are putting to word out about a Senior Scam Alert on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Attorney General is really pushing this initiative. The Social Action committee may have a retreat day on October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Season of Creation. Blessing of the pets will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>. They are also doing a fundraiser to get a bullet proof for the new police dog Exo. John Guthrie met with Ranni about how the community would respond to an emergency. There was a lot of interest after the ice storm but not much since then.

Youth: They did the Jello Olympics as a kick off this year and it was very well attended especially by the freshmen. The Sunday after that they had Human Foosball, Dodge Ball and other indoor games. A lot of the older kids did not attend as they are unhappy about Charlie not being there. Next week is Praise and Worship and then small groups. Beth and John Probus and other adults are doing a great job keeping the youth together.

School: Latosha Biggs new chair of School Board. Do not know how much was made at this point. There were 2 incidents at the Fall Festival. Those involved have no injuries.

Liturgy: Jenny, Music Director and committee will be meeting with a Liturgical Consultant to get input about any changes in the church. She is also expanding music groups. She has a Youth Choir who will sing once a month at 5:30 Mass. She is also working with Junior Singer who will also sing once a month. There is also a Youth Worship band.

Pastor : No follow-up on the Drummer bookstore. We are waiting to see where it goes. Two people have been interviewed for the position and will do a Sype interview on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> with a third candidate. We continue to work on a plan for evangelization for the parish. Fr. Larry is also working the Evangelization office for the Diocese on the Diocesan Plan. There were 364 families who participated in the directory pictures. The collection for Hurricane Harvey was \$7,724. Charlie Hardesty had called and encouraged Holy Name to send in an application for funds through St. Meinard through Eli Lilly. There is 1.4 million dollars available to parishes partner with them specifically for young adult ministry. Mass attendance: Fr. Larry discussed Mass attendance and asked for input. Mass attendance is down as most have noticed Some don't feel it is necessary to come. Fr. Larry talked to someone at the Fall Festival who felt like it wasn't necessary to come on Sunday if they went to Mass during the week with their child. He sees parent of school children who do come to Mass on Sunday and do not bring their children on Sunday as they feel like the children have been during the week. Beginning to notice it more and more. We have tried to require envelopes to show Mass attendance but it has not worked. Fr. Larry encouraged us to talked to friends who no longer come to church and ask why. Discussed doing a survey by e-mail or sent home by their kids. This could give us information and maybe a place to start. This is an issue that we will continue to hear a lot about.

Adult Education: Theology on Tap has started and everyone who attended and is committed to coming every Tuesday night in September. Adult Education starts on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and is on the Catholic teaching on life after death.

Next Meeting is October 2, 2017

Motion to adjourn on by Nancy Latta and seconded by Connie Grossman  
Minutes submitted by Rhonda Gillham