

**Cathedral of St. Mary  
Parish Council Minutes  
February 12, 2019**

Father August opened the meeting with prayer at 7:33 am.

Attendance (Those Present in Bold): **Father August Koeune, Carey Hartmann, Kelsey Kean, Ed Avery, Rosemary Barrett, Flossie Vance, Maynard Richmeier, Diane Gonnely**, Patrick Lane, Katherine Castaneda, **John Lynch, Renee Cudney**, Father Jaimon Dominic, **Father Andrew Kinstetter, Brian Greene** and Jim Casey.

January meeting minutes were approved unanimously after a motion by Brian Greene and a second by Kelsey Keane.

Financial Update from Father August: The stock market has come back up, returning \$600,000 to the Cathedral. The stock market investments are still down \$400,000. The Cathedral is working on an operating budget for next year. Father August thinks our spending is on track with the current operating budget.

Old Business:

Parish Mission: The dates will be March 18, 19 and 20, 2019. Instead of feeding people twice with a soup supper before the mission and dessert afterwards, a decision was made to start the mission a little earlier (6:30 pm) without a soup supper beforehand and then feed attendees with dessert afterwards. The purpose is to grow the mission by encouraging people to visit afterwards. Another reason is those who prepared the soup supper for previous missions were often unable to attend. Rosemary Barrett will find three parish groups to host the post-mission desserts. Father Andrew agreed to write an article for the Wyoming Tribune Eagle about Lent, and include the mission in the article. A save the date card will be handed out at the Ash Wednesday masses, as well as the masses on the weekend of March 9 and 10.

Book Club Follow Up: Parish Council members were asked to bring back their copies of the book "The Temperament God Gave You" so staff can use the books for their own enrichment training.

Follow Up for previous Parishioner Concerns:

-Prayer of St. Michael: The parishioner who requested we say this at mass was referred to the Bishop.

-Railing on north side of north stairwell: Father August mentioned it to staff member John Estorga after the last parish council meeting. The railing has not been installed.

-ADA compatibility of front office door: The door appears adequate as it is. Staff did a good job with signage at the door. However, more space is needed for people in wheel chairs to be able to back up so the door does not hit them when it opens. Maynard Richmeier was asked to put in an additional concrete pad that would allow people in wheelchairs to be able to back up.

-Additional ways to be able to light votive candles: An electric arc lighter currently in the sacristy will be moved to the chapel with the candles.

New Business:

Parishioner Concerns:

A parishioner suggested we put in the bulletin when parish council meets and a synopsis of what was discussed. A decision was made to put in the bulletin when parish council meets and that the minutes are available on the website after they are approved. Parishioners can also come to the office for a hard copy. The Secretary will also start posting a hard copy of the minutes and agenda on a bulletin board at the church's main entry.

A parishioner expressed that parking spots in the south lot are too narrow. Father August advised they were just widened. They will be enlarged again the next time the lines are painted.

Parishioners have expressed concern about iciness of the north parking areas, especially on Sunday mornings. Father August will speak with John Estorga about it. He also indicated, however, he would need to have an employee there all the time to completely solve this problem. Maynard Richmeier advised the Cathedral will never be able to completely get rid of the ice there because of its location on the north side.

Representatives Reports:

Cathedral Guild: Guild hosted four funeral receptions, First Friday Fellowship and a Vocations Club lunch. Father Rob Spaulding did a retreat, which was very interesting and well attended. The healing mass is coming up in March

Knights: No report.

Saint Vincent DePaul: The Knights of Columbus helped the store with regard to items from an estate sale. Shoplifters were caught in the store on January 25.

Saint Mary's School: There is a big push to recruit donors using the newly designed Donor Wall at the school. On March 23, Father Cronkleton will speak with regard to the opening of the new Donor Wall. There will be an effort to recruit donors out of state who have had a connection to the school.

Youth Ministry: Trivia night was well attended. Proceeds from the trivia night will fully fund the Montana work camp experience. There are several upcoming activities for the youth, including a tri-parish March Madness game event, and a tri-parish musical adoration night. A summer youth ministry event calendar with many exciting activities has been planned.

Young Adults: Thirteen ladies attended a Bible study held by the Young Adult Women's Group. They are planning a discussion group that will be joint with Holy Trinity. They hope to host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in March.

Committee Reports

Volunteer Recognition: Cathedral Guild will be recognized at an upcoming mass.

Parish Survey Committee: No report. This committee will be disbanded. The survey is now old, and using the survey to make enhancements to the parish never got traction.

Safety: A dinner was held with the ushers to thank them and to discuss safety issues, especially when and how to call 911. An upcoming focus will be a meeting with medical personnel in the parish.

Social Concerns: The front office is no longer making the appointments for the committee with people seeking assistance. The committee is making these appointments themselves. The committee hopes to add some members once it gets used to this new process.

Amazing Parishes: This committee is updating the informational booklet about parish ministries. The marriage reception for World Marriage Day was a success.

Parish Events Noted:

February 21: Dinner with the Bishop for young men in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

February 23: Free Family Movie Night

February 24: Sunday Supper

March 5: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Carnival

March 6: Ash Wednesday.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 am, following a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Lynch  
Secretary