

**Cathedral of St. Mary
Parish Council Minutes
March 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.

February meeting minutes were approved unanimously after a motion by Brian Greene and a second by Rosemary Barrett.

Financial Update from Father August: The stock market got better, which means the Cathedral gained back much of the money from the December decline. Net equity is now at \$3,427,091. The various ministries are operating within their budgets. The Diocese is working with Partnership Edge for the purpose of studying the schools and diocesan missions. The Diocese may get good feedback that will help with the schools, several of which are in poor financial shape.

Old Business:

Parish Mission: Arrangements were discussed for Parish Council and Amazing Parish Committee members to take the mission speaker, Anne Trufant, to dinner while she is here and to transport her back to the airport in Denver. Refreshments have been arranged for after each evening of the mission. The owner of the Nagle-Warren Mansion gave the Cathedral a great deal on lodging for the mission speaker. The mission speaker is a musician as well. She coordinated with Patrick Stolz with regard to music during the mission. Father Andrew will be videotaped for a segment on the Cowboy State Daily about Lent. He will mention the mission.

Parishioner Concerns Follow Up:

Railing on North Side: This had not been installed yet, as of the time of the meeting.

Expanded cement pad to better accommodate wheel chairs by the main office doors. This will be done in the spring.

Update parish council meetings in the bulletin and minutes posted on bulletin board: The minutes were posted on the bulletin board. Notice of the parish council meeting and that it is open to parishioners was not the bulletin nor the week at a glance. Father August will follow up with the front office.

New Business:

Parishioner Concerns: None

Representatives Reports:

Cathedral Guild: Guild hosted four funeral receptions, a first Friday fellowship, a Vocations Club lunch and meeting, and a Guild meeting and luncheon and a Guild Board meeting and luncheon.

Knights of Columbus: No report.

Saint Vincent DePaul: Having Fanfare for Education tickets for sale at the store brought new people into the store.

Saint Mary's School: Fanfare for Education will be held March 23. They are raffling off both a car and a motorcycle. Six students went to the state science fair, one of which came in second place among the middle schoolers and another of which came in second place among the high schoolers. One student won the VFW Patriot Pen award. The school has an open house on April 17 from 5 pm to 7 pm, followed by a Michael James Mette concert. The school honored black saints during February. The school will do Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during Lent, except during Holy Week. The School has numerous upcoming events.

Youth Ministry: The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was a great success, with lots of good food served and lots of fun for people of many ages. The youth played six different games during a successful March Madness event. There is a tri-parish youth musical Adoration night in mid-March.

Young Adult Ministry: The Young Adult Women meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month learning about the virtues through the Bible and discussion. April 12 is a Young Adult Stations of the Cross evening.

Committee Reports

Volunteer Recognition: Cathedral Guild was recognized as the volunteer of the quarter at March 2 and 3 masses. The announcement in the bulletin left out how to join the Guild, which several Council members felt was the most important part of the announcement. Father August will follow up to make sure similar future bulletin announcements do not leave that out and that future significant edits are cleared with the original writer. St. Mary's School PTO will be honored at masses on the weekend of May 19 as the volunteers of the quarter.

Safety: AEDs were installed. Training for staff on the AEDs will take place in April. Staff member Neill O'Donnell is looking into what it would cost for a security service to lock and unlock the sanctuary at the beginning and end of each day. He is also looking into what it would cost to automate locking and unlocking the Cathedral by upgrading the Cathedral doors. It has now been one year since the fire inspection. One fairly simple requirement of the fire inspection (installation of GFI outlets in bathrooms and other locations near water faucets) has not been done.

Social Concerns: This committee operates a sack lunch program for those in need and also provides rent assistance and utility assistance to those in need. This committee also gives money to Catholic Charities, Comea, Life Choice and other charities every month. The efforts of this committee are funded by the generosity of our parishioners. This committee tries to keep expenditures in line with donations. They try to make sure the individuals and families have a sustainable plan to meet future rent and utility payments if they are assisted by St. Mary's. People can only receive rental/ utility assistance from St. Mary's once a year.

Amazing Parishes: This committee is working on a booklet describing the parish ministries with which people can help.

Parish Events Noted: See the bulletin.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 am, following a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
John Lynch
Secretary