

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS / ST. ALOYSIUS ~ PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ at St. Mary's

1. Present: Jim Malloy, Carol Hart, Bonnie Fish, Dan Ingalls, Linda Root, Denise Elsenheimer, Richard Wentzel, Dawn Staley, Jim Grant

Absent: Joan Pero

2. Prayer
3. Minutes were approved. Richard made the motion and Carol 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All approved.

We attempted to use AI to take minutes – did not work. Denise resumed taking minutes.

4. Old Business:

- a. Update on Parish projects:

SM:

The speakers for the carillon have been fixed on the outside. Just waiting for the system to be hooked up.

SA:

- Doors need to be replaced. We received an estimate of \$7,570.00 from Northwest Commercial Doors. Denise Applied for a grant from 4 Front to help with the cost.
- parking lot Phase 1 is on hold for 2 reasons:
  1. Too late in the season to have it done
  2. The Bishop has put a hold on any major projects for parishes until pastoral planning is complete.

We will be looking at starting in the Spring with raising money and having the project completed (Phase 1).

- Toilets in women's bathroom still need to be addressed. New toilets will be gotten for the women's bathroom.

5. New business:

- a. Knights of Columbus Dan Ingalls gave the update.

- The knights have donated \$2300: \$500 for Thanksgiving food baskets and \$300 to the St. Anthony PCCW
- Council has same concerns: needing new members.

- b. St. Aloysius PCCW updates :

- Women's retreat had positive feedback. There were 30 women
- Welcome breakfast was Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, good turnout. Pictures of the new members were left up for the past works.
- The rummage sale was positive. S boardman American Legin has agreed to allow the PCCW the American legion hall for next year.
- The PCCW sent \$1200 to the Fife Lake food pantry. The collection for this month will be personal hygiene products. Pies and Cheesecakes and potatoes are being donated to the food pantry for thanksgiving..

- c. Faith Formation and Youth Ministry updates
  - NCYC fundraising update: They have met the goal. They leave on the 20<sup>th</sup> and come back on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Pope will be live digitally on Friday at 10:15
  - Nov 2 service project went well. There were 4 families we helped. We had 9 families who helped in raking leaves, putting furniture away, stacking wood.
  - OCIA update We have 3 adults, 2 teenagers and 1 child who are working toward celebrating Sacraments of Initiation.
- d. Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance updates SM/SA There was no information.
- e. Cemetery Committee updates:
  - SA We had a few burials in October. We are still working on the records.
  - SM We have a new sexton: Tom Simms, who is our maintenance person.
- f. upcoming events thru December 10 and Christmas and Epiphany Dinner
  - Nov 20-23 NCYC
  - Nov 29/30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – need people to sign up to light the Advent Wreath Giving Tree tags ready for pick-up.
  - Dec 6 Vocations meeting Diocese
  - Dec 14 Baby Shower for Mary – 12:15 at SM Lunch No donuts
  - Dec 15 6 PM Reconciliation Service
  - Dec 24 4 PM Mass SM 6 PM Mass SA
  - Dec 25 10 AM Mass SM
  - Jan 1 10 AM Mass SM
  - Jan 4 Parishes Little Christmas Celebration After the 11 am Mass at SM
- g. SM craft show update – will have Carina or Melanie write a short report.
- h. Rectory basement flooded. Boiler Phlange broke. Top Notch fixed it. There were 2 inches of water in the boiler room and seeped into the records room, hallway and room to the west of the boiler room. Clean up included tearing up the carpet in the basement main room and hallway. The carpet in the west room was wet vacuumed. Boxes that were wet on the floor in the hallway, records room and west room were gone through and unessential papers and records that were wet were thrown away.
- i. Christmas gift for parishioners: a Matthew Kelly book was okayed if there was time to get them.
- j. Welcome committee for St. Mary's was discussed as it is needed. Jim Malloy was going to talk to Andrew McCarty about taking this on.
- k. The Council decided not to hold a meeting in December. We will meet again January 14 at 6 pm at St. Aloysius

#### OTHER

- Requested by the Diocese is that each parish forms a vocation committee to promote vocations. There is a meeting Dec 6 at the diocese from 8-3 for this information. We have a couple people interested but can't make the meeting. Denise will be going.
- The tiles in the Narthex at St. Mary's needs to be addressed. We are presently using cones to block off the area.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.

Next Meeting:

January 14 6 pm at St. Aloysius