

## **Tri-Parish CCW & M Meeting Minutes - August 7, 2019 at St. Mary's Church in Minong, WI**

**Attendees:** Sharon Monahan, Frank Glaser, Carol Smith, Cathy and John Ney, Kathy and Forrest Bushland, Father Kinney, Mary Brand, John Hallman, Julie Wegner, Kirk Walters, Josie Johnson, Kathy Birtzer, Milly Thissen, Kathy Simpson and Betty Glaser

**Call to order** at 10:00 AM with the opening prayer led by Father Kinney.

**Approval of the Agenda** - add to new business - a "new" idea (Kathy Simpson and items Milly added since the agenda was mailed (Haiti - LPI Bulletin) and correspondence under old business. Betty moved to approve and Cathy seconded - approved.

**Approval of Minutes** - May 7, 2019 minutes reviewed with a motion by Betty to approve and seconded by Kathy - approved.

**Financial report** - As of August 6 - \$8,808.38 balance - sold tables, bought tables, best ever craft sale - Betty moved to approve and Kathy seconded - approved.

Because Father Kinney could not stay for the whole meeting, he asked if he could ask some questions and share some comments as follows:

- What is the date on the Interfaith picnic - August 24 - noon to 3 - Wascott Town Park (Saturday) - all faith communities are invited - hot dogs and brats provided - bring a dish to pass - flyers are being passed out to all the churches in the area - notices in the church bulletins - word of mouth
- Haiti project - Josie and Mary - could we buy a hut - had inquired about the cost of the visiting priest but do not know the actual cost. The visiting priest did take the second collections - he understood he could take the cash collected. Father explained it was a misunderstanding in how it was worded in the bulletin and the announcements. Josie suggested purchasing a water pump for \$285 (the cost to help with the cost of a house/hut is over \$3,000).
- Matter of procedure - for the Tri-Parish - include at those meetings and minutes as the Tri-Parish Council is the overseeing body for the CCW & M.
- Issues at the individual churches - refrigerator at St. Pius - St. Mary's the interior walls, lights, scaffolding that is needed - may have to rent to get scaffolding that is high enough and can fit in the church (Milly asked who was doing the cleaning, are they professionals so that the work can be guaranteed). Father asked for photos of the areas of suspected mold - St. Anthony - asbestos problem with the siding after winter damage, tiles are broken at the bottom on both sides - the issue was "skirted" in the past and we are going to "skirt" it again - one that does not require removing the asbestos - steel sheeting at the bottom has been suggested - Chuck Yetzer is coming back with a recommendation.
- Gordon Correctional - where are we at with the current process - Thursday night mass at 5 PM and Mag and Kathy go as well - one resident is preparing to join the church via an accelerated RCIA process.

### **Old Business:**

- Outcome of May 25 St. Mary's parking lot community garage sale (Mary Brand) - eight people participated, collected \$80, and recommends we do it again next year as it went well (thank you Mary for doing this).

- June 1 Summer Kick Off - Henson's - \$2606, 46 pies sold thanks to all the bakers, crafts, donated breads, cookies, muffins, chili, sold individual pieces of pie or partial pies - very successful, lots of people helped, etc.
- Friendship Pie Raffle - Julie Wegner drew the winning ticket - Josie's granddaughter won - ticket and pies sales netted over \$3,000.
- Correspondence - thank you letters or a personal thank you from the three parishes for our donation towards decorations; also received a refund of Mag's registration (\$40)
- Thank you to Kurt for donating the statutes and to another parishioner for the Last Supper picture hanging at St. Mary's.

#### **New Business:**

- July Membership Drive - mailing, envelopes distributed, announcements at church - \$1,055 has come in to date. Milly tried to stress that the dues are one way to help CCW & M and some sent more than the amount of the dues. Josie is putting the envelopes in the welcome boxes. Betty thanked us for listing the "accomplishments" in the flyer. Kurt has envelopes to donate to offset the cost.
- August Interfaith Picnic - discussed with Father
- Planning for the October 19 Fall Festival Bake and Craft Sale - pie baking on Friday October 18 - Frank and John will peel apples, start at 9 AM at St. Pius; pot luck lunch. Suggested pies apple, pumpkin, peach, blueberry, cherry, rum raisin apple, cranberry apple (goal of 50 pies)
- Promotional - Betty will make a flyer - include on chamber and church web sites - bulletin boards - back of bulletin in our purchased space (Milly passed around our first announcements - we will have four a year) suggestions for the remaining - soup suppers, Lenten retreats, Christmas party. Milly will submit an article for the Catholic Herald. John Hallman has made two banners, one for outside and one for inside and is making signs to place at entry roads into town. More information to come at the October 2 meeting. Kurt suggested including information on Facebook and Betty offered to post the flyer.
- COMFORTS - chili kits - teaming with the Town of Chicog - Milly explained the "history" of this project. Cash donations are appreciated. The chili kits were suggested which will include spices, canned goods, and a voucher from Henson's for the meat. Milly and Josie had samples for packaging. Plan to distribute in February. Betty suggested we buy the meat rather than looking for donations. **Betty made the motion to spend the money needed for the meat vouchers and canned goods and spices to be included in the kits and get together with Chicog to put the kits together (50 kits for 110 people). Kathy seconds. Approved.** (A COMFORTS meeting is scheduled for tomorrow) **(update from the meeting** - we are going to ask Henson's to do 50 units of one pound of hamburger for placement in COMFORTS freezer to be stored and given to people during distribution thus avoid the need to use meat vouchers and to ensure the privacy of people receiving the chili kits).
- Fall outside cleaning at all three churches - Josie - pulling weeds, raking, trimming. Do we plan a date? Set a date with a rain date? **October 26** for St. Mary's and St. Anthony's. Mary will recruit some confirmation students for St. Pius.
- Smoke alarms and detectors - September and October dates are scheduled - questionnaires have been sent to identified participants in St. Mary's and Wascott area. Gordon and Solon Springs areas are pending.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Funerals - none since May - next one expected in September (Ron Ryan)
- Communication - no additional report (thank you notes received as discussed above)
- Ecumenical - covered already

- Welcome Members - update brochure
- Outreach - no report
- Middle River - Milly donated pies for the staff appreciation on August 2 - received a \$100 donation for the pies
- New idea - ice cream social - Kathy Simpson - Labor Day weekend (September 1st at St. Mary's) - brownies, chocolate chip cookies, and ice cream cones; free will donation. Milly will follow up with a proposal and specifics (Kathy Simpson will donate the ice cream).

**Business issues for October 2 meeting:**

- Outcome of Interfaith Picnic
- October 19 Bake & Craft Sale
- Outcome of September 1st Ice Cream Social
- Refrigerator for St. Pius
- Christmas party - December 7
- LPI Bulletin ad content for next three months

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM with closing prayer.

Next meeting: October 2, 2019, 10 AM, at St. Mary's in Minong, WI

*Sharon Monahan*