

ABBREVIATED PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES... January 9, 2018 Meeting

Present: Fr. Mike, Sr. Mary, Deacon Troy, Marisa Ellison, Libby Cody, Lindsey Anderson, Olivia Clark, Rich Fogle, Aaron Hays, Ben Devlin

Fr. Mike opened the meeting with a prayer.

Barb Steinman has retired and is moving from Hannibal. Barb was the recording secretary for Parish Council for many years and we thank her for her years of service to the council and our parish. She will be missed! We would like to invite someone in our parish to say “yes” to the position of recording secretary.

Anyone interested can call the parish office or let Fr. Mike or Sister Mary know. Marisa will provide a write-up for the bulletin and will post it on Facebook and the website.

Tuesday, February 6, Bishop-elect McKnight will be installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Jefferson City at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Fr. Mike, Sister Mary, Sister Betty and three members of the parish will attend the installation.

Fr. Mike gave an overview of the challenges the diocese faces regarding the lack of priests and lay leaders. There are possible closures of churches within the diocese. Information is being provided to Bishop-elect McKnight for evaluation and direction. All parishioners are asked to pray for direction and support during this time.

The new website is being worked on and it is possible that the Parish Council will get to review it at either their February or March meeting.

The Council discussed the process of ensuring all events, happenings, etc. are offered to the appropriate audiences. Many people are using Flocknote to send texts and emails on their upcoming events and the system is working very well. The council proposed having one point person within the parish to get the information out to all necessary areas. The council agree to seek a communications coordinator who would be paid ten hours a week to do this. This must be presented to the Finance Committee for their approval before it can move forward. If approved, Marisa will provide guidelines for that individual.

Sr. Mary provided updates on RCIA, religious opportunities and spiritual opportunities during Lent. She said Matthew Kelley’s book “Perfectly Yourself” will be available to the parish for Lent.

Libby shared the minutes from the October 2017 Stewardship Committee reports.

Thank you to Linda Dinges for saying “yes” to becoming the facilitator of the new Grief Support Group, which started this month. Susan Fohey will also be helping with the new Grief Support Ministry

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21 at 5:15 pm. The Council then plans to go upstairs in the parish center to attend Carolyn Saucier’s presentation, “The Eucharist Calling Us to Evangelization” at 6:30 pm.