

St. Mark's Parish Council

November 7, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Father Joe, Kelly Fleidner, Melissa Heike, Patti Lynch, Teri McGrath, Ed Michonski, Ed Redmond and Laureen Smith

Parish Picnic:

- There was a good turnout, and people had a good time.
- The picnic is not a financial success. We usually lose money.
- The Knights of Columbus were supposed to give us a donation that would cover the loss. Teri is going to ask/remind them about it.
- We may not hold the picnic next year, and wait until 2018.

Bishop's Appeal Update:

- We were already halfway to our \$10,000 goal in mid October.
- Father Joe will send an email reminder out.

Advent:

- The flyers for Advent are on order.
- It starts Thanksgiving weekend.
- On that Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, Father Abuchi will be installed as pastor of his church.
- The Advent Wreath will be lit by families every weekend.
- We will have the annual Tree Lighting.
- Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. We will lose one envelope collection.

Epiphany Luncheon:

- It will be held on January 22nd. We will rename it **St. Mark's Annual Pot Luck**.
- Teri will start sign-ups on December 4th, and will explain it is not on the Epiphany this year.
- She has the big board and she can set that up in the gathering space.
- We need more entrees, so this is how the food sign-ups will go: A-F families will bring appetizers, G-Q will bring entrees, and R-Z will bring desserts.
- Teri also has the blurb ready for the bulletin, and she will send it to Mary.
- At the January PAC meeting, we will look over the pantry and decide what we need to buy.
- We will set up for the luncheon on Saturday, January 21st, at 4 pm. (Terry will get the key.)
- She also has the flyer ready to hand out to the CEC families.
- We will welcome new families at the luncheon again this year.

Increased Giving Program:

- This program is a more personal approach to ask for donations to the church. It is focused on increasing the weekly regular offerings of parishioners.
- Each parish creates its own brochure, with a letter from the pastor, and a financial report included.
- It is a six week program. The diocese is paying half the cost for each parish.
- The first letter will go out February 10th.
- The in-pew commitment will be the weekend of February 19th.
- The same program will be held at OLM during the same time period.
- A follow-up letter will be sent on February 24th.
- A final letter will be sent March 10th.
- And a final report of the results will be sent March 27th.
- The program says there should be an increase in giving of 25-30%.
- Melissa suggested changing the dates slightly to avoid the holiday weekend for the in-pew commitment. Father Joe will check to see if this is possible.
- The program will only focus on families that have made contributions in the past.

Heath Village:

- Kelly has been checking into bringing the Rosary to Heath Village, after Rick had brought it up at one of our previous meetings.
- After a lot of phone calls, she found out that they already have someone that coordinates the Rosary there for Saturday, and they are not interested in having it at another time during the week.
- But Kelly is still going to try to contact this person and see if we can come another day.

We will skip the December meeting. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 2, 2017.