**St. William Parish Council**
**October 15, 2024 6:00pm**

Meeting Called to Order 6:05pm

**Attendance:** Father Ryan, Renita Mintus, Therese Tuttle, Bob Kane, Bette Lloyd, Linda Horm, Theresa Craiger, Ellie Gates, Katy Welch-Young, Phil Jones, John Barco
Not Present: Paul Mendik

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with the prayer "The Lord's Prayer"

**Welcome:** Father Ryan thanked everyone for coming and for all the hard work everyone does for the parish.

**Finance: Therese Tuttle**

Financial reports for 9/30/2024 were presented and reviewed. Sunday collections are still down. In order for operation expenses to be paid money needed to be transferred from the assistance account to the general account.

Monthly payment on the loan has been lowered to $1,000 from $2,000.

Catering is starting to improve with more events being scheduled. August is a busy month for higher expenses due to getting the church ready for a new year.

**Father Ryan:**

Gala will be held on February 14th 2025 at St. Demetrios Banquet Center. A minimal 200 tickets must be sold to continue the event. At the present time there are 147 tickets sold. If the 200 tickets are not reached money will be given back to those who purchased tickets.

Each parish is asking to donate 7 baskets: Parish Council, Staff, Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus, Golden Ages, Finance Committee, and Deacon Bob & Renita.

The Catholic Leadership Institute team met with Maria Luby to review goals for all 3 parishes. Goals will be coming soon.

**Women's Guild: Theresa Craiger**

September 4, 2024 first meeting of the 2024-2025 year 47 ladies were in attendance October 2, 2024 meeting 40 ladies were in attendance, September 21, 2024 "Get to Know You Social" We invited the women from St. Thomas and St. Robert, 6 ladies from St. Robert

Upcoming events:
*October 20, 2024 Card Party doors open 11:30am our grand salad buffet, tickets still available, $12.00 adults $8.00 children
*December 4, 2024 Kolachi Bake
*December 8, 2024 Parish Family Dinner and dinner for the homebound, catered by our catering staff
*December 14, 2024 Craft Show with food wedding soup, cabbage rolls, haluski, pierogies

**Religious Education: Bette Lloyd**

2024-2025 PSR began with a parent meeting, blessing of Bibles, and class on Sunday, September 22, 2024. 49 registered PSR students including 7 for Stories & Scriptures. On October 13th Catechists sat together and the 7th and 8th graders participated in ministry roles at Mass. 8 Confirmation Candidates were presented for the Rite of Enrollment. 7 students are preparing for First Reconciliation

Upcoming events:
*October 26, 2024 Make-a-Difference Day with the theme of Food Insecurity.
*Family Faith Celebrations are scheduled for November 3rd, January 26th, and March 16th from 4:00pm-6:00pm.
*November 13, 2024 First Reconciliation at St. Robert

**Liturgy: Renita Mintus**

Workshops were held for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers to go over roles and changes. Workshop date for altar servers TBA.
Theme for Avent is "Pilgrims of Hope".
Upcoming events:
*October 19/20 2024 Anointing of the Sick
*October 26/27 2024 All Souls Remembrance
*November 24, 2024 Advent Environment at 12:00 noon
*December 3, 2024 Advent Lesson and Carols
*December 10, 2024 Father Steve will do an Avent Talk, refreshments will follow
*December 22, 2024 Christmas Environment at 5:00 pm
Next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 5:30 pm.

**Safety Team: Linda Horm**

Initial Emergency Operations Plan draft is completed. Safety pamphlet will be given to all organizations. Chief Skaggs and Chief Dempsey reviewed the plan and will do a walk thru for suggestions. 9 safety team members received AED/CPR training. Safety training for Ushers, Greeters, PSR teachers, and Leaders at mass took place on Oct. 10th. Checking with diocese for grants or funds for safety. Self Safety inspection completed by 2 team members.

Recommendations:
*working phone in Sacristy or Adult Meeting room
*3 security cameras
*deadbolts for classrooms & some kind of blind on glass window
*Red fire extinguisher signs
*Platform steps outside North Exit

Upcoming events:
*October 17, 2024 safety training for Ushers, Greeters, PSR teachers, and Leaders
*November 14, 2024 TNCC Safety Team social
*November 16 & 17, 2024 training for parishioners after mass
*Next Meeting TBA

**Other Discussions:**
*Parish calendar updates can be made by all parish staff members. If you need to add an update contact Dan Robinson (everytime) and one other staff member.
*Bulletin announcements need to be submitted to Dan Robinson 10 days before printing. To submit an announcement to St. Thomas contact Pam Hietikko and to St. Robert contact Tom Dickey or submit to Therese Tuttle and she will forward the message.
*Mass announcement should be submitted to Dan Robinson and Pat Maciejewski.

*Ask diocese about window covering on windows per rules and regulations for PSR classrooms

*Credence table: Women's Guild is responsible for altar needs however, the Golden Agers would like to purchase a new one

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Craiger