St. William Parish Council
August 26, 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
Not Present: Paul Mendik, Phil Jones, John Barco

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

Welcome: Father Ryan welcomed members and thanked them for being part of Parish Council. He introduced new members Theresa Craiger (WG), Katy Welch-Young (At Large), Bette Lloyd (Religious Ed)

Finance: Therese Tuttle

Financial reports for 7/31/2024 were presented and reviewed. Summer collections were down. Discussions and questions were asked about the High School Quota, number of students enrolled from our parish, and how to improve weekly offerings during the summer.

Father Ryan:

Announced Father Balash will be moving to St. Patrick's in Hubbard and our new Parochial Vicar will be Rev. Steven Agostino starting on September 7th and 8th. Rev. Steven Agostino is coming from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Niles. He will be a full staff member and assist Father Ryan in day to day duties. Women's Guild will have light refreshments at a "Welcome Reception" for Father Agostino after 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 8th.

Gala will be held on February 14th 2025 at St. Demetrios Banquet Center and catered by Aulizio's. Dinner at 6:00pm and the drawing will be 8:00pm. All 3 parishes will have the opportunity to participate in the event. Proceeds to the parishes will be determined by a percentage of the tickets sold at each parish.

Catholic Leadership Institute provides leadership formation and consulting services that strengthen local churches. Maria Luby will assist our "Dream Team" to create goals for our parish based on the questions and answers that were obtained through the Disciple Maker Index survey. Once the team has parish goals, plans will be made to put these goals in action by a "Do Team". Tina McCue, Renita Mintus, Deanna Barco, are currently on this team. The program is called The Next Generation Parish.

Women's Guild: Theresa Craiger

The installation of 2024-2025 officers happened at the WG meeting on May 8, 2024.

President-Theresa Craiger	Vice President-Renita Mintus
Secretary-Pat Scanlon	Treasurer-Gloria Karafa

WG donated money to the parking lot loan and the Diocesan Appeal. In August the WG had a successful Rummage Sale and with the help of the Knights of Columbus provided the members with a Parish Picnic. Monthly meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month, starting with a September 4th meeting. Social time starts at 6:00pm and the official meeting at 6:30pm. September 21, 2024 "Get to Know You Social" We have invited the women from St. Thomas and St. Robert to join us at the 4:00 Mass and a gathering of food, fun, and fellowship at 5:00pm-6:30pm.

October 20, 2024 Card Party	December 4, 2024 Kolachi Bake
December 8, 2024 Parish Family Dinner and dinner for the homebound	
December 14, 2024 Craft Show	April 9, 2025 Kolachi Bake
May 1, 2025 Purse Bingo	May 4, 2025 Marian Devotion
August 10, 2025 Parish Picnic	

Knights of Columbus: Bob Kane

Officers for the 2024-2025 year are Grand Knight-Keith Bowser, Deputy Grand Knight-Brian McCue, Chancellor-John Heib, Treasurer-Daniel Gelet, Recorder-Robert Mintus, Warden-Chuck Poponak, Inside Guard-Carl Karafa, Outside Guard-Tony Keller, Trustees-Ross Lenhart, Nelson Malone, and John Salerno. Chaplain-Very Rev. Michael Balash, Financial Secretary-Brian Lenhart, Lecturer-Steve Prebonick

Sold over 2,000 tickets and had a profit over $1,9000.00 with the Grill O'Cheer Raffle. The profit from the spaghetti dinner was over $400.00. Members helped with packing up leftovers from the rummage sale, purchased corn and cooked the food at the parish picnic. Plans are in the works to reach out to Knights who are not active members.

Liturgy: Renita Mintus

No regular meetings were held over the summer. A special meeting was held to discuss changes to be made within liturgy for those parishioners that cannot come forward to receive communion. Several members are not returning to the committee so they are in need of some new members for the Liturgy Committee. Meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday every other month. There will be workshops scheduled for liturgical ministers. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30 with a fall environment hour afterward.

Religious Education: Bette Lloyd

New first time Catechists to the PSR program are Alisha Kugler, Renita Mintus, and Margaret Prebonick. 2024-2025 PSR will begin with a parent meeting, blessing of Bibles, and class on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Make-a-Difference Day will be held on Saturday October 26th with the theme of Food Insecurity. Family Faith Celebrations are scheduled for November 3rd, January 26th, and March 16th from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Two Masses, October 13th and November 10th have been scheduled to have classes participate in Mass. The children will sit in the choir section, act as lectors, carry the gifts, and act as ushers. Enrollment total will be completed at the end of August.

PSR Catechists:

Story and Scriptures	Christine DePascale	Pamela Herriman
Grades K-1	Melanie Zappia	Maria Butcher
Grades 2-3	Christine Pacurar	Alisha Kugler
Grades 4,5,6	Erin Lee	Linda Horm
Grades 7-8	Steve Prebonick	Renita Mintus

Substitute	Margaret Prebonick
Sacramental Preparation	Tina McCue
PSR Coordinator	Bette Lloyd

Safety Team: Linda Horm

The Diocese has a Parish and Workplace Safety Team Policy. All parishes in the Diocese are required to have a Safety Team in place and an Emergency Plan. After 3 meetings the team has developed a draft emergency plan, anticipate AED/CPR and basic training for ushers/greeters in September. The team plans to hold 5-10 minute sessions for all parishioners immediately following masses in October. Their next meeting is September 5, 2024.

Safety Council (Team)

Fr. Ryan Furlong	Linda Horm	Deacon Bob Mintus
John Barco	Maria Butcher	Tom Cooney
Theresa Craiger	Ed Kuhn	Brian McCue
Chuck Poponak	Steve Prebonick	Melanie Shoaf
Brian Wilson		

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Craiger