St. William Parish Council
January 28, 2025 6:00pm

Meeting Called to Order 6:05pm
Attendance: Father Ryan, Renita Mintus, Bob Kane, Bette Lloyd, Linda Horm, Theresa Craiger, Ellie Gates, Katy Welch-Young, Phil Jones
Not Present: Paul Mendik, Therese Tuttle, John Barco

Opening Prayer: led by Father Ryan

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

Finance: Linda Horm reported for Therese Tuttle
Financial reports current as of 12/31/2024 presented and reviewed. Sunday collections are still down. The weekly Sunday collections govern the operating expenses and the operating income is short by $23,070.00.

Total Cash $278,554.00 Loan $105,616.56

Monthly payment on the loan has been raised to $1,500 from $1,000.

Gala will be held on February 14th 2025 at St. Demetrios Banquet Center.
332 tickets were sold, 134 from St William

Father Ryan:
Attendance numbers are steady, but contributions are down. Why?
Possible smaller fundraisers like quarterly dinners.
At Mass have a Stewardship Plea “Invest in Your Future/ Parish Home” with visuals to see current situation and a difference if everyone would give $5.00 more
Look at the amount/types of envelopes we currently have, possibly add Debt Reduction envelope
Discussion on the cost of the Echo and its content.
A Catholic Leadership Institute group has been meeting however, no information on a plan has been provided at this time.

Knights of Columbus: Bob Kane
Upcoming Events:
Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, February 2, 2025 12:00 noon-2:00 pm
Reception for Deacon Bill Bone will be Sunday, February 9th after 10:30 Mass, coffee and donuts will be served
Corporate Communion Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 10:00 am Mass Congregation invited for coffee and donuts in the social hall after Mass.

Women's Guild: Theresa Craiger
Meetings/Activities:
October 20, 2024 Card Party
November guest speaker History of Mahoning Valley 31 in attendance
December Kolachi Bake, Parish Family Dinner, Craft Show
January meeting 43 in attendance
January 26th WG helped with Family Faith Community

Upcoming events:
February 5th meeting, History of Chocolate
Purse Bingos will be May 1, 2025 and October 23, 2025

Gala WG bought 3 tickets as their donation, after the Gala WG will revisit making a donation toward the loan.

Religious Education: Bette Lloyd
Make a Different Day was a great success.
Family Faith Community went well on January 26th. Theme was "We Believe" and lessons were centered around the Nicene Creed. Next FFC will be the reveal of Secret Prayer Partners on March 16th.
Saturday, February 1st will be Diocesan Retreat for our eight Confirmation Candidates.
Sunday, February 9th the Confirmation Candidates and all PSR classes will attend Mass with 2nd & 3rd grade classes taking roles in the Mass.
Tuesday, February 4th Sacramental Preparation for First Eucharist will begin
February 23rd will be the Rite of Sending for our Candidates, Confirmation will take place on March 1st.
March 2nd will be a congratulatory breakfast/lunch for the parish in honor of Candidates

Liturgy: Renita Mintus
Christmas gold and white swag possibly use for Easter
Both Christmas Masses were well attended
Lay Ministers need reminder letters/emails/phone calls to serve during special Masses which are not on the regular schedule.
Servers workshop was held on Jan. 5th & 12th, we have 5 new servers and will schedule 2 servers at 10:30 am Mass.
February 2nd Feast of Presentation of the Lord, candles will be blessed.
February 3rd Blessing of Throats
Ash Wednesday March 5th service with Ashes, Lenten Booklet “Hope Lights the Way” will be ordered
New Credence table being built by Leon Walk
Upcoming events:
Next meeting is scheduled for February 11th at 5:30 pm.

Safety Team: Linda Horm
The Emergency Operations Plan is complete, tweaking continues as we move forward.
Safety pamphlets have been given to all organizations.
November 14, 2024 the 3 TNCC parishes safety teams had a social gathering.
Safety training for ushers/greeters/safety team/leaders/PSR teachers took place Oct. 10th and 17th 2024. Safety Awareness for all parishioners was held after Masses November 16th & 17th. Safety Awareness Training was open to all parishioners 16 of age and older on January 19, 2025. Intruder training will be contacted in the PSR classes February 2nd & 9th.

Police Chief Skaggs and Fire Chief Dempsey did a walkthrough on January 23rd and provided comments/recommendations to the safety team.

Next Meeting TBA sometime in April.

Other Discussions:
Replacing the floor in the social hall, possibly creating a committee to look into this project.
Bulletin insert information should also be posted online.
The extra TNCC shirts in storage should be divided up and sold at all 3 parishes.
Not enough handicapped parking spaces in the parking lot.
Common times for meetings of all groups.

Closing Prayer led by Father Ryan

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Craiger