

Finance & Parish Council Meeting of St. Mary of Nichols, Sunday, April 24, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President, Kory Kaalberg. Opening prayer led by Carol Kaalberg. Recording Secretary noted attendance as follows: Bill Lenz, Marvin Wilson, Gayle Kaalberg, Adam Gauger, Cindy Massey, Kory Kaalberg, Bruce Matt, Margaret Matt, Fr. Hai Dinh and Carol Kaalberg. Guests: Trudi Westfall.

Members reviewed the minutes of the last meeting – motion by Adam Gauger and second by Marvin Wilson to approve minutes as presented – motion approved.

Report from Fr. Hai – Reminded members to sign up to take the Blessed Mother Mary Statue for a one or two week period. First Saturday Mass & Adoration at Hills Church on May 7, 8:00 – Noon. May crowning will be on Mother's Day, May 8th, First Eucharist at Lone Tree on May 14 – also acknowledging Graduates at Mass. Pizza, cookies, cake & drinks will be served at hall. Fr. Hai will be on vacation May 16 thru May 23. Carol Kaalberg will do Communion Services.

Commission Reports

Faith Formation – Trudi Westfall reported classes will continue until May 18. Windows will then be installed at our Cluster Religious Education Building by Randy Yakish Construction.

Finance Council – Gayle Kaalberg reported all bills have been paid.

Building & Grounds – Kory Kaalberg gave a thank you to those who helped with the Spring Yard Clean Up. Trees have been removed from the church property and stumps will be ground out. Kory & Colton Kaalberg will handle lawn mowing. The handicap entrance will be installed late spring or summer and we are still waiting on the status of inclusion on the National Registry.

Social Action/Family Life – Margaret Matt reported we will be giving flowers to all ladies of the parish on Mother's Day, May 9th and will also give a gift to all men of the parish on Father's Day, June 19. Soup suppers after Lenten Services were appreciated by all who attended. Our parish will cooperate with West Liberty Schools if asked to again host the summer lunch program for Nichols community at our parish hall facility.

Church life/Liturgy – Carol Kaalberg reported we will be praying the Rosary before Mass during the month of May and she will be out of town the weekend of May 7/8.

Holy Week & Easter services went well. Communion from the Cup is now being offered. We will try for a few weeks to see the response of parishioners.

Cemetery – Marvin Wilson reported 1 new burial, Joy Eagle Brumwell cremation.

Marvin will sow some grass seed on dirt spots at cemetery and check into posting a sign when flowers need to be removed for mowing purposes.

Old Business – none to report

New Business – Baccalaureate at West Liberty Our Redeemer Church on Wed., May 18 and at Lone Tree High School Gym on Wed., May 25. Carol Kaalberg and Fr. Hai will handle ceremony.

Next Meeting date changed from July 31 to **August 28** at which time year-end reports will be ready for signatures. Assignments for next meeting - Opening prayer, Trudi Westfall, Closing prayer, Marvin Wilson. Bruce Matt led the closing prayer for today's meeting.