

**Parish Council Minutes**  
**November 15, 2016**

Opening Prayer at the Tabernacle led by Father Ken at 7pm

**Members Present:** Carol Fiorvanti, Jim Gallagher, Steve Skowronek, Gina Koss-Stephany, Father Ken Cardinale.

**Members Absent:** Joan Shanley, Laura Deschanes, Nancy Malone, Lisa Stewart, Deacon Fred Coggins.

**Budget Discussion:** Budget year September 1 – August 31<sup>st</sup>. Overview of budget in the bulletin 11/13 & 11/14. Budget to be submitted to Bishop by October 1<sup>st</sup> – delayed?

**October Minutes Approved**

**Pastors Update:**

High level Financial report given in Bulletin 11/13 & 11/14. Finances are OK. Stewardship of giving pledge the weekend of 11/20/16 during all masses.

December message series is Mother Teresa “Come Be My Light” being the focus.

Father working with Rolande on final survey about message series.

Air conditioning units: 2 bids with air and heat pump options. This will be funded with a capitol campaign funded by the parishioners.

Viridian – 300 more people needed to sign up for Viridian Energy for church to get free electricity. Father will continue to push at Mass.

Parish Nurse/Home visits: Patty H. helping Father Ken. Father Ken is the contact. Linda K. could bloom into parish nurses role. 7 people bring communion to home bound folks. Procedure in place when no one answers the door on home visits.

**Religious Education Update:**

Ministry fair well attended for the Religious Ed table. The beautiful religious education backdrop will be utilized somewhere and they are looking for a permanent home for it.

Confirmation candidates (11<sup>th</sup> Graders) are doing a great job and the pork dinner was well supported by the kids and well attended by the community.

New challenge in trying to get 10<sup>th</sup> graders to be more enthused. Sports and other activities are keeping students away from class and many do not attend church. Need to work on changing their mind set and getting them more involved.

Sunday evening Mass has been agreed upon and will occur at 5PM on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be geared towards the younger crowd and a Christian band will be at the Mass.

## **Religious Education Update Continued:**

24 Hour Famine will continue this year sometime in April. 15 kids are showing interest already, \$3,000 was raised last year.

Pasta dinner put on by 10<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Philips will take place on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> classes have been moved from the classroom to the 10:30 AM Mass which is the Epiphany Pageant.

## **Open Discussion:**

Lighting in the parking lot across the street: lack of lights in the parking lot is a concern (Carol/Jim). Father will bring to the property committee to see if anything can be done to “illuminate” the situation.

## **Flock Notes:**

Good idea. Need more information. Ed to talk to Lisa and Deacon Fred. Trying to get feedback from other parishes. Need a coordinator on the account.

**Frosty Stop** next year for Grafton celebrates the holidays. Work with religious education to get this to happen. St Philips and/or Saint Mary's?

Caroling on the common or a late afternoon mass on the day of the Grafton Celebrates the holidays for 2017?

**Scholarship Fundraiser:** need to get together to make plans for this event in January /February.

**Name the classrooms** with Saints names is a go. Gina will have the Saints names for the next meeting.

Father Ken led us in a closing prayer.

**Next Meeting is Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

Minutes submitted by Steve Skowronek – Parish Council Member.