

**St. Patrick's
Parish Council Minutes
March 13, 2016**

Father opened the meeting with prayer and led the committee in praying the Our Father together.

Members present: Barb Richardson, Leslie Brost, Monica Lohmuller, John Brost, and Wayne Crumbaugh. Also present was Fr. Bob.

Members reviewed the minutes from the September 13, 2015 meeting. Leslie made the motion to approve the minutes and John seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

The Fish Fry is on April 8, 2016 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. A new fryer has been purchased for use. It was decided not to extend the roof on the hall for more room to prepare the fish dinners. The garages will be used instead. Father confirmed that a second coat of paint has been completed on the church doors.

The Holistic Healing program is being conducted with five or six people from the community in the training. The choir will be preparing to sing on Palm Sunday and Easter. More information is needed about a possible children's choir.

Fr. Eder's pick-up truck was given to Benton Central High School for their mechanical education class. Fr. Eder's car was given to a seminarian.

The Mexico Committee members are Fr. Bob, John Brost, Tim Tabert, Tom Etter and Kathy Budreau. The committee has met once and has a contact in Texas that is working out well for jobs. They hope to go back to Mexico, but are unsure of when they will be able to. John Brost mentioned that their last trip to Texas, the group traveled to Mexico for a short trip that was calm and quiet.

Night Fever, a quiet period of Adoration, was held on December 20, 2015. The enjoyable, peaceful time was attended by about 10-15 people. Hopefully, this prayer service will continue next year with an increase in attendance.

The Local Needs committee members include Fr. Bob, John Brost, Rita Etter, Chris Sheetz, Steve Wittenauer, Bryce Sexton and Kay Tabert. The committee has yet to meet given that a Not for Profit Organization has not yet been established for food and other needs for Benton County. Ideas have been shared that clients will be able to "shop and purchase" food by hours given to helping out the community. The committee has a building to rent when the program is ready to unveil. A board has not been established yet, but the committee wants the board to have both clients using the food pantry and others as its members.

Father and parishioners met with Uniting in Hearts with diocesan plans on February 4, 2015 and gave suggestions from the initial written plan. A revised plan will be sent out to those parishioners who attended in case they have any additional suggestions to Father. The final plan will be presented to the Diocesan committee on July 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Charles Hall.

There was a meeting with Johnathan Sullivan, Director of Catechesis, Evangelization and Worship on March 2nd about keeping youth interested in church attendance, bringing back Catholics who no longer practice and bringing the Unchurched into knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Father said that we are one of the first parishes to present an initial United in Heart plan in our Diocese, and the speaker gave many good ideas to begin to implement. Father is in need of a few more volunteers for the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday. On Sunday, he had seven and needs 12.

Other concerns: Thomas A. Whitcomb has been cleaning veteran monuments in all four Oxford cemeteries. Mr. Whitcomb offered his services to clean both the Church and cemetery signs for \$50.00 with cleaner to reduce biological growth with a specific cleaning solution. A motion was made to pay for the cleaning of the two signs.

The motion was approved. Mr. Whitcomb also asked for a \$75.00 donation to cover the costs of the cleaning solution and other supplies used. Father was unsure if the donation had already been made, and will take it to the Financial Committee.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 11:30 am.

The meeting closed with praying the Hail Mary. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.