

**ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 8:00 pm**

**Annunciation #105**

**\* APPROVED\***

**PRESENT:** Fr. Don, Sue Adler, Mary Brooks, Marlene Smith, Lynn Mincheski, Betty Mailhiot , Shelly Bitters and Holly Meyer

**PRAYER:** Shelly Bitters said a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF**

**MINUTES:** The minutes from November 17, 2015 were approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF**

**AGENDA:** The February 23, 2016 agenda was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**St. Joseph's Rectory Building**

The parish is currently looking for two, middle aged women to rent the first floor rectory space that will be converted into an apartment concept. A kitchen and washer and dryer space needs to be in place first. More information will follow as it becomes available.

**Bishop's Appeal:**

Fr. Don reported that every year St. Joseph adds \$5,000 to \$10 000 to the deficit from the Bishop's Appeal. We owe the diocese approximately \$80,000 over a 10 year span because we were unable to meet our yearly goals. The diocese proposed a plan that in the next four years if our parish meets the Bishop's Appeals goals, we would receive a grant reducing 25% of our current debt. Fr. will be sending parishioners a letter regarding this issue and the state of our parish debt.

**Mile of Quarters:**

A suggestion was made for Fr. to remind those attending the weekend Masses not to forget about the quarter jugs at all the entrances of the church along with a weekly reminder in the bulletin.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GRACE School:**

Plans for the new school have been finalized for the 2016/2017 school year opening.

**Finances:**

Fr. reported that the Miles of Quarters seems to be going well however, we will be looking at other ways to include more parishioners to participate in the parish debt reduction.

**Parish Life:**

To help reduce some of our parish debt, the Council suggested to have a bake sale the day of the November presidential election. Kathy LaLuzerne, Sue Adler and Holly Meyer will spearhead this project.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 8 :00 pm.

Submitted by:

Betty Mailhiot, Recorder