**MARY OUR QUEEN CHURCH**

**Parish Council**

*Minutes – October 18, 2016*

**Council Members                         Term/Expiration Date**

Rev. Bob English

Rev. Augustine Gama

\*Elizabeth Kraemer, President        3 Year Term/June 2014-2017

\*Phil Baker, Vice President     3 Year Term/June 2014-2017

\*Chris Feuerbach, Secretary 3 Year Term/June 2015-2018

\*Randy Veik                         3 Year Term/June 2014-2017

\*Anne Determan                    3 Year Term/June 2015-2018

\*David Wood                         3 Year Term/June 2016-2019

\*Art Huerta                              3 Year Term/June 2015-2018

\*Kyle Siedlik                            3 Year Term/June 2015-2018

\*Scott Prai                             3 Year Term/June 2016-2019

\*Lynn Muse                            Trustee

Ed Prosser                            Trustee

\*denotes attendance

1. **OPENING PRAYER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the Parish Prayer.

**II.    ROLL CALL:**

     Attendance is reflected above.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER  2015 MEETING**

Randy Veik moved to approve the minutes and Art Huerta seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the full council.

**IV.      SCHEDULED COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Finance Committee (Tes Shea):** Tes presented the report for the previous year and the budgeted amounts for this coming year. Sunday collections were up 1% for the prior year and that the parish did not have to withdraw any funds from the endowment fund. Tes said that the endowment is drawn down as needed. This fiscal year has a budgeted withdrawal of $193,345. Marquee was very successful this past year which is why there was no need for the endowment funds. Art asked about the recent campaign. The parish committed to 10-12% increase in Sunday collections; however, the Sunday parish collection is down over the first 16 weeks in the new year. (No holydays in this period.) The parish was able to increase teacher salaries by 5% this year but is still behind our goal of 90% of OPS (note that OPS also had an increase this year). There was an increase in the workers compensation insurance this year. (A copy of the report submitted is attached.)
2. **Athletic Committee (Kevin Capece):** Kevin presented the report of the athletic committee on both the finances and activities. Mary our Queen participates in the Parochial Athletic League (PAL). The football team has 39 members and may look at combining with other schools in the future. A few local area schools would like to participate but do not have the players to compete. The committee does try to include those students in the religious education classes on the athletic teams. The committee is fully funded at this time. The teams registration fees do pay the costs to compete. Additional funds are provided by golf scramble fundraising and any gate receipts. The bank balance includes excess funds that were collected 5-6 years prior for the replacement of the gym floor and bleachers –“Storm the Court” fund raiser. These funds are earmarked for replacement of the heat exchange system in the gym which is aging out. Additional updates include the replacement of the windows. (A copy of the report submitted is attached.)

Motion was made by Anne Determan and seconded by Scott Prai. The committee reports was

 approved by the full council.

    **V.**    **PASTOR’S REPORT:**

 Father was out on an offsite meeting.

 **VI.**     **ASSOCIATE PASTOR’S REPORT:**

 Father was out on an offsite meeting.

  **VII.    OLD BUSINESS:**

 No items for continuing discussion.

  **VIII.   NEW BUSINESS:**

 In our previous meeting Elizabeth Kraemer requested the council to bring ideas for goals and

 projects to the council that we would be able to make our own. Elizabeth contacted other parishes

 to see what their parish councils were doing. David brought up a question from a parishioner as to

 if we would have a crying room – comments from council members were that we had one but was

 eliminated when the narthex was remodeled, that we did have a speaker in the narthex so the

 mass could be heard, and that most of the time the children/baby noise was minimal or that the

 parents took them to the narthex. Phil brought up questions as to what age and EMC could be as

 he was asked that question. This was something we would look into as no one thought there was

 a hard and fast answer. Another question that came from the parish was should the committee’s

 have to present to the parish council since they were already reporting to Father Bob on a regular

 basis. Phil brought up that coming before the council can take a weight off of Father Bob since

 there are others reviewing what is being done on the various committees. Kyle mentioned that we

 can bring best practices to the various committees that come before the council. David said that

 the council can bring up good ideas to Father Bob and beat down bad ideas. Randy brought up

 that in a book by Michael Kelley that on average 7% of a parish brings in 80% of the support. That

 a small change can make a huge impact and we can use best practices.

* Action Item: Elizabeth will compile the notes regarding our discussion of the goals / projects of the Parish Council to provide to Father Bob so he can determine the next steps.

**IX. CLOSING PRAYER:**

           Randy led the closing prayer and for safe travels for Father Gamma.

**X.    ADJOURNMENT:**

 Motion to adjourn the meeting was brought by David Wood and seconded by Randy Veik

 **XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 15, 2016 at 7pm in the Upper Room.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Christopher Feuerbach, Parish Council Secretary**