

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
August 27, 2015

Attendance: Mike Balla, Jason Bingaman, Phil Blankenstein, Maureen Gipprich, Heather Keperling, Mike McElderry, Ann Claire McNish, Mary Murphy, Tony Rearden, Edrie Watson, Christa Weyant, Jay Yohn

The meeting began with a prayer.

New Council Members

Mike Balla welcomed and introduced new Council members Jason Bingaman, Edrie Watson and Christa Weyant. Mike thanked Phil Blankenstein, Maureen Gipprich, and Tony Rearden for their hard work in coordinating the recruiting process so successfully.

ISIS Victim Support

Heather Keperling reported the Orange Ribbon Campaign to support the ISIS Victims was a success. The youth of our parish made approximately 2,000 orange ribbon pins and prayer cards that were distributed on the first Sunday of August.

Elijah Cup Program

Steve Hahn has placed an explanation of the Elijah Cup Program in the August 30th bulletin. He intends to speak at all Masses to further encourage participation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church.

Ministers of Hospitality

Ann Claire McNish reported on the progress of the Hospitality Ministry. Even though the ministry is in its infancy, she felt the people involved this summer took ownership of their ministry. A three week recruitment will begin after Labor Day. Announcements will be placed in all bulletins and flyers will be sent home with PREP and school children explaining families as well as individuals can "meet and greet", take up the collection, etc. A meeting will be held to provide orientation for new members, which will be followed by a gathering of the entire ministry at which members can exchange ideas, experiences and discuss constructive changes which may enhance the Ministry. Each member of the Ministry will be asked to identify 2 new members to join with the hope that greater participation will increase enthusiasm and effectiveness while lessening the responsibility of any who prefer to serve less than weekly. It was suggested that the MOH gather together and pray before the Mass they have been assigned.

Parish Directory Photos

Mike Balla is going to check with Karin Donato about using our Council website photos for the Parish Photo Directory. He is also going to ask her to take pictures of our new members.

Other Business

Jay Yohn reported on the Liturgical Workshop sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown held in August. He noted about 30 people from our parish attended. He also stated that Bishop Barres will celebrate a Mass for music ministers in September.

Meeting Dates for 2015-2016

Sept. 24, 2015
Oct. 29, 2015
Nov. No meeting
Dec. 3, 2015
Jan. 28, 2016
Feb. 25, 2016
Mar. 31, 2016
Apr. 28, 2016
May 26, 2016
June 30, 2016
July No meeting
August 25, 2016

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: September 24, 2015 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Tony has the opening prayer.

