

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 29, 2015

**Attendance:** Mike Balla, Bob Beauvais, Maureen Gipprich, Heather Keperling, Mary Murphy, Tony Rearden, Christa Weyant, Jay Yohn, Msgr. Ed Domin

The meeting began with a prayer.

**Ministers of Hospitality**

Bob Beauvais reported that a meeting will be held on November 5, 2015 in the church. Maureen Gipprich and Bob will host the meeting and try to establish team captains, etc. Mike Balla offered to check out networking ideas to further enhance this ministry.

**Church Ministry Recognition**

The Council, with the approval of Msgr. Domin, has planned on having a Mass of Thanksgiving for all volunteers during a 10:30 Mass in 2016. Coffee and donuts will be served in the Social Hall after the Mass. A general invitation will be sent to inform all volunteers via the bulletin, our parish website, and Facebook.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Update**

Father Miller held a training session with the help of Donna Weidner on October 24, 2015. There were 12 new Extraordinary Ministers who attended the training and will join this most important ministry of visiting the homebound and serving on the altar.

**Church/Chapel Cleaners**

Jay Yohn composed a thank you that will be in a November bulletin complimenting this ministry for its dedication in keeping our places of worship clean.

**St. Vincent de Paul Project**

The Council asked the St. Vincent de Paul Society to promote the Catholic Charities of Reading requests for monetary donations for their clients' basic needs. They agreed to place a "Christmas Giving Tree" in the church decorated with envelopes stating the need and suggested cost for each item.

**Elijah Cup Program**

Heather Keperling reported the Elijah Cup Program has begun and has been very successful. She praised Steve Hahn for his organizational skills in making the program run so smoothly. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the program may sign up in the back of church.

**Other Business**

The Council is considering holding a Parish Mission every 4 or 5 years. The idea of a yearly retreat for parishioners was also suggested. These items and the Year of Mercy will be discussed at future meetings.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary C. Murphy  
Secretary

Next meeting: December 3, 2015 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Heather has the opening prayer.

