Society of St. Joseph

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Verona, NY

Meeting Minutes September 4, 2014

I. Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Steve VanLieshout.

18 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

Father Castronovo led the men in opening prayer

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Mark Judge and accepted by the group.

II. Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Treasurer Bob Grems-

Checking Account Balance: \$583.89
Cash on Hand \$139.54
Total: \$723.43

III. Committee Reports:

Correspondence:

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Membership: Mike Faherty

Robert Vanlieshout in attendance as a guest

Programs:

• NTR

Community Affairs:

Primaries coming up, but nothing of significance locally

Activities:

• NTR.

Benevolence: Pete Baker

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IV. Old Business:

Boonville Fair Booth:

Overall success. Some observations raised by the group

 Lots of traffic flowing by on some days, however not too many people stopped.

- Those who did stop typically scanned the literature & took items on topics that interested them
- Too Much literature on the table? (potentially overwhelming?) Others commented that the wide range of topics covered by the literature was good because different people were interested in specific topics.
- Perhaps look to improving how the literature is organized and presented.
- Suggestion that we limit the number of people staffing the booth at any one time to 2. At times we had 4 or 5 manning the booth at a time, and that may have intimidated people from stopping.

Diocese Pastoral Council Meeting held in July:

Ken, Irene, and Fr. in attendance representing the parish

- Questions on how Parishes cooperate
 - Sharing Bulletin items of interest to other parishes
 - Sharing / coordinating Mass schedules
 - o Cooperate in scheduling confirmation schedules & etc.
- Compliments received on the OLGC website- informative and more detail than available on websites at other parishes.

V. New Business:

- Rosary Rally will be held on Oct.11
 - Officers of the St. Joseph's and Rosary Societies to lead decades of the Rosary.
 - Al Lohr will provide the tent in case of inclement weather.

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- Sanctuary Renovations
 - Hope to start in October- still waiting on firm dates
 - Need to assess the existing paneling to determine what will be involved in removal.
 Bob McCabe appointed to lead a Recon team to investigate.
 - Carpet will need to be removed
 - Need to prep walls for painting—depends on damage left after removing paneling.
 - Renovations will require at least one week of down time, possibly more. Fr.has arranged to use Holy Family during the construction.

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- Suggestion made by John V. that the society consider changing the meeting structure to have the Program before refreshments
 - Meditation / discussion after the program is often the best part of our meetings—use refreshment period to do that after the program may increase participation.
 - John also suggested an online video series by Fr. B_____ which are 10 min videos with follow on Q&A.
- New officers for 2014-2015 were sworn in by Fr. Catronovo:

o President: Mike Faherty

VP: Mark Judge

o Treasurer: Mike Moonen

Secretary: Dave Finn was not present, and will be sworn in at the October meeting.

Committee Appointments:

President Mike Faherty made the following committee appointments:

o Membership: Mark Judge

o Programs: John Vanderhoof

 Activities, Community Affairs, and Benevolence committee chaise to be appointed at the October Meeting

VI. Refreshments for Next Meeting:

Bob McCabe volunteered to bring refreshments to the October meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Fr Castronovo led the men in a closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Judge, Secretary