

**Church of St Monica
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
March 4, 2014**

In Attendance: Fr Alex Enriquez, Dcn Mike Principato, Linda Thompson, Bette Hromiko, Bob Dippold, Alice Stephens, Mike Hintenach, Kim Merwin and Liz Hills.

Opening Prayer: Fr Alex

Facilitator: Bob Dippold

Consensus on the minutes from January 7, 2014 meeting.

Old Business/Reports

Italian Dinner 02/23/14 (Linda Thompson)

Approximately 100 people attended. The food was delicious -- leftovers were purchased.

The 50/50 raffle awarded \$170.00 to the winner.

This event was a fundraiser for the parish, proceeds will be allocated to purchase new 8 foot folding tables to replace missing tables. We all need to be more aware of items being taken or borrowed from the church and not being returned. Any remaining proceeds will be put toward the replacement of ceiling tiles in the parish hall.

Accounting:

Ticket Sales	\$1,109.00
50/50 Proceeds	<u>\$ 170.00</u>
	\$1,279.00

Expenses:

Linda Thompson - Purchase of Food	\$ 520.80
Margaret Carle - Balloons	<u>\$ 66.31</u>
	\$ 587.11

Net Proceeds	\$ 691.89
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New Business

Presentation by Kim Merwin

Kim met with Fr Alex discussing ideas to promote our parish. Fr Alex is doing a good job as our administrator. He brought in choirs for our Saturday, 4 pm Mass. Need to advertise, make the Jackson community aware of St Monica, to ultimately increase Mass attendance. It's a wonderful parish, get families to attend and publicize we now have our own priest after 15 years. Some ideas: Mega Raffle, becoming more involved in the Jackson community and fundraisers. Making families enrolled in our Religious Education program be more responsible for serving the parish such as volunteering where needed, Lector/Greeter at Mass. Sunday 9 am Youth Mass (monthly): Featuring a certain grade of students enrolled in the Religious Education program, have students participate in the Mass, reintroduce families back to the Church. Fr Alex's experience of Youth

Mass at other parishes is that the Mass was very well attended. Homily geared toward the age group of the children. Karen Badach will contact the parents of the students. Fr Alex, Deacon Mike and Kim Merwin spearhead the effort. Students/parents can be ushers or greeters, bring up gifts, come forward to the altar for The Lord's Prayer. Following Mass, provide munchkins and juice. Finalization of plans for Youth Mass takes place at meeting on March 10.

St Monica has a lot of history, promote upcoming 25th anniversary (rededicated as St Monica August 25, 1991 by Bishop Reiss) in the community. Celebrate Mass at Cassville Firehouse where Mass took place before acquiring the current building,.

Other ideas -- sponsor a cause in the community, sponsor an interfaith event, launch mega 50/50 at parish festival and hold the drawing on All Saints Day, and raffle off a playstation 4.

Ordination of Christian Knoebel as Deacon

Christian will be ordained at St Mary's Cathedral in Trenton on Saturday, May 10. He celebrates his first Mass at St Monica as Deacon "Mass of Thanksgiving" Sunday, May 11 at 9 am. Notify parishioners. Knights of Columbus offered to provide refreshments after the Mass.

Slippery Floors (Bette Hromiko)

Need to install more runners/mats on floors in Church isles. Betty Cole slipped and fell on slippery floor from tracking in snow. Liz Hills researched products on market. A new product, "Traction" is applied to the water when washing the floors (designed for tile floors with wax) and greatly reduces the risk of slipping. Council members to provide feedback or report any issues.

Parish Festival (Alice Stephens)

This year's festival was scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 2014.

Open Forum

Fr Alex: Evangelization Music Mission/Concert scheduled for June 6 and 7, 2014 at St Monica. Marty Rotella and Donna Lee, Catholic recording artists will perform. Publish event.

Fr Alex: Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Stockbridge, Massachusetts on April 27, 2014. Group departs from parking lot at Hope Road and Rte 36 (near GSP exit 105). Bus Fare \$30 per person. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Next meeting April 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Facilitator - Bette Hromiko

The meeting ended in prayer lead by Fr Alex.