

Minutes for the January 3, 2017 Holyland Parish Council held at St. John's at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Fr. Gary, Francis Schmitz, John Pickart, Dan Sippel, Gary Kraus, Mary Beth Mueller, Connie Pickart, Linda Koenigs, Sue Mueller, Allen Casper, Eric Halbach. Absent were: Jerome Bord, Kim Graf.

Today was the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Opening prayer led by Fr. Gary.

Last meetings minutes approval by Connie Pickart and Francis Schmitz, all present agreed approval.

All Council committee reports meetings are yet to be attended, so no particular input tonight.

- 1) Photo Directory update: Guellers will be taking Nursing Home Residents pictures for the Directory at the nursing home. The Villa Loretto sisters picture will be included in the directory. Also included will be Parish staff, Pastoral and Finance, School Principle and Staff. Every parishoner did receive a letter regarding information about the new Holyland Picture Directory. There are extra copies in the gathering rooms in each church if someone was missed. As time goes by Fr. Gary, intends to put pictures of the various committees in the Bulletin.
- 2) We will work on adapting one mission statement for the Holyland Catholic Parishes. We will explore the values of a mission statement, concentrate on what is a Vision statement and what is a Mission statement. We will spend time on this mission statement at next meeting. Each parish has a patron saint: St. Isadore the Farmer, St. John the Baptist, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 3) Mass counts: Counts were taken at all the churches for attendance at masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day. These counts were taken to assist Fr. Gary, the Liturgy committee and the Council find out which mass times are the right ones and what times draw the most people. Just over 2000 people attended throughout these 4 days. We went through the proposed 2017 Holiday Mass schedule. There was much thought put into this discussion, with no immediate decisions made at this time. Fr. Gary will discuss changing the St. Mary's Saturday 8:00p.m. mass to 7:00p.m. with the people in attendance at this mass. He has various scenarios to present.
- 4) Celebrate Marriage Day will be held Saturday Feb. 11 and Sunday Feb. 12 at the respective masses in each parish church. Fr. Gary is asking for any parents who would like their child baptized, that Sunday nights at St. Joe church during High School CCD, would be ideal to have our young adults witness this ceremony.
- 5) Parish Mission: Committee will meet to discuss on promoting the upcoming Parish Mission scheduled during Lent.
- 6) Motion to adjourn by Francis Schmitz and Allen Casper, agreed by all in attendance.
- 7) Closing Prayer by Fr. Gary. Thank You. Respectfully submitted: Linda S. Koenigs