**Our Lady of Fatima**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**January 27, 2025 – 5:30pm**

In Attendance: Father Glenn Whitman, Debra Andrusky, Elizabeth Green, Joann Horner, Linda Klenke, Jerry Miller, Joe Perrico. Pam Rabold

Father Glen Whitman called the meeting to order and lead the opening prayer.

The council read the minutes from the February 3, 2024, meeting. No corrections were noted.

Parish Updates:

* Cemetery Report – The Finance Committee recently submitted a request to the Bishop to set up a perpetual cemetery fund. Father Whitman informed the council that the Bishop approved the perpetual cemetery fund to be set up. A current copy of the rates at all cemeteries of Our Lady of Fatima Church was distributed to council members.
* Cemetery Committee - Tom Cimoric has agreed to oversee the maintenance at all of the cemeteries of Our Lady of Fatima Church.
* Eucharistic Minister Training – Father Whitman informed the council that the Bishop requested a mandatory training for all current and new Eucharistic Ministers in the diocese. The training will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 9:30am.
* Parish Council Constitution – A copy of the parish council constitution was distributed to all council members. Father Whitman asked each member to review the constitution for any revisions. The constitution will be discussed at the next council meeting.
* Ash Wednesday Mass – Mass for Ash Wednesday will be held March 5, 2025, at 5:00pm followed by a pizza dinner afterwards in the basement of the church.
* Candle Cost – The price of candles will be changed immediately due to an increase in the price of candles. The new prices are as follows: Altar Candles - $5.00; Side Candles (large) - $3.00; and Side Candles(small) - $.50.
* Upcoming Events – On Saturday, February 1, 2025, each family will receive a blessed candle for their home in celebration of Candlemas Day.

 On Saturday, February 22, 2025, there will be a social in the basement of the church following the Anointing of the Sick Mass.

For the Good of the Order:

* Joe Perrico suggested the following activities to help bring former/new families back to the parish: Religious Education Classes, Social Gatherings, Fund Raisers (reprint of Carnivale cookbook), cookie/pie sale.
* Joanne Horner suggested having a Communion Breakfast during Lent. Father Whitman suggested a Communion Dinner sometime after Lent. Also, he suggested checking with the other parishes so avoid a conflict of activities.
* Father Whitman suggested bringing back the Parish Picnic this summer – details will be discussed at the next council meeting.
* Bette Green suggested expanding our bulletin to include space for parish activities. Father Whitman suggested that the extra expense be covered by the parish for the next six months until we can secure more sponsors for the back cover.
* Joanne Horner suggested that the roof and windows of the chapel at the cemetery are in need of repairs and should be completed.
* Father Whitman suggested removing the last seven pews at the back of the church to provide a small gathering space.

The next Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2025, at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm with Father Glen Whitman leading the closing meeting prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (Bette) Green