

Parish of Saint Mary of Lone Tree Parish Council Meeting Notes—Sunday, December 2, 2018, at 6:30 in Parish Hall

**Attendance:** Present, Sherry Nicola, Carol Kaalberg, Jerry Ford, Trudi Westfall, Jim Lively, Nancy Ford, Judy Viner, and Jill Welter. Absent: Kris Gillham, Fr. Spiekermeier, and Joel Yedlik,

Approval of prior meeting minutes: motion by Nancy, second by Sherry. Minutes were passed

### **Ministry Reports**

**Altar and Rosary/Church Life** (Nancy and Judy)

Birthing basket is in place. See bulletin for items needed. Cookies, coffee, and lemonade were served for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. 32 attended. Two care center bingos are scheduled for this month. Christmas flowers are ordered.

**Faith Formation/Religious Education** (Trudi)

No religious ed classes Wednesday, Dec. 5, because of Secret Santa items in church basement. Wednesday, Dec. 19—communal penance and first reconciliation will take place. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterwards. There are 47 students registered for religious education classes—about 20 families.

**Finance and Administration** (Sherry) Account balances as follows:  
General Checking: \$1,686.16 General Savings: \$23,237.91 Building Fund: \$46,792.56 Mass Stipends \$800.00 CYO Youth: \$437.11 Helping Hand: \$335.44 ADA balance \$1,579.00. 28 families have pledged.

**Church Life and Liturgy:** (Carol) Father Mike and Carol will compose a letter to those families who have not yet donated to the ADA.

**Social Action:** (Jill) Christmas baskets will be prepared Wednesday, Dec. 19, for pickup at 5PM. Need names by Dec. 10. Call UPC.

**Property Management:** (Jerry and Jim) A log needs to be kept on dates of snow removal. Fire extinguishers have been checked. We need a place to store the Fall Festival float. It hasn't been used in three years. Tree update—No action will be taken until the tree begins dying from the front. We need extra lights in front of the church. Judy will check with Julie

Poeltler who offered to donate lanterns. Other options were discussed, but no action was taken.

**Cemetery Management:** (Joel) No report

**Communications:** (Carol) Blue Christmas service was held today at 2PM at UPC. 25-30 people attended.

Christmas schedule of Masses: 4 PM at Nichols on Christmas Eve, 5 PM at Lone Tree on Christmas Eve, 6:30 PM at Hills on Christmas Eve, and at 9 AM in Hills on Christmas Day. Christmas Eve music: 3:30 PM in Nichols and 6 PM in Hills New Year's Eve Mass 5 PM in Lone Tree and New Year's Day Mass 9 AM in Hills

Judy Viner has sent 865 cards out since 2007.

**Old Business**

Fall auction final report is in. Soup supper discussion that was tabled last month will be tabled until March.

**New Business:**

More lighting needed in front of church (discussed in Property Management) March 10—Pancake breakfast. Carol will take care of advertising.

Next meeting: Feb. 3 at 6:30

Opening prayer for next meeting will be given by Jill. Judy will do the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Welter