

Communication Committee
St. John Paul II Parish
October 26, 2015

Present: Jim Loughman, Kathy Luczynski, Mary Jette, Eugene Michalenko
Aaron Dean and new member, Roland Racine

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jim Loughman at 6:30 p.m. in the Kolbe Hall beneath St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Minutes of the past meeting were approved on a motion made by Mary Jette and seconded by Kathy Luczynski

The November calendar compiled by Mary Jette was reviewed and accepted for publication in the weekly church bulletin on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

Mary Jette raised concerns about the website: keeping it current and easier access to update it. The Memorial Fund policy on the website did not specify the different parish projects that donations can be designated for and information about the Friends of St. Stan's is unnecessary since they haven't met since March 2015. Aaron Dean said the website is not constructed in a way that makes it easily available for just anyone to add or delete material. Kathy Luczynski said that a request was made to McCann Technical School for students to build a new website that may solve those problems.

It was noted that a Facebook page for the parish was established by Tim Rougeau but was then taken down. Its status is currently in limbo. Fr. Steve wants to make sure it is "thought through effectively."

The "Year of Mercy" begins December 8, 2015 and continues to November 20, 2016. Fr. Steve is seeking ways to celebrate it. Mary Jette learned of a parish whose members plan to perform acts of mercy, write them down and put them in the church collection basket. They are to be counted and tallied. It was also suggested that an effort be made to draw people to view the Divine Mercy images in both churches of the parish and the relic of St. John Paul II in Notre Dame.

It was noted that the Fall Mission will be an annual event. It was mentioned that Fr. Gary Caster, Catholic chaplain at Williams College was being solicited to be the next mission leader.

There is also a plan to have a 24-hour Lenten devotion March 4-5.

It was noted that the Parish census was an amazing success. There were 721 forms mailed to parishioners and 600 were returned with 121 addressees or parishioners not being active. Kathy Luczynski considered it to be a 100% response! The data from the census has not been tallied and evaluated yet.

The meeting adjourned at 7 o'clock on a motion made by Aaron Dean and seconded by Kathy Luczynski.

Submitted by Secretary pro tem

Eugene Michalenko