

**St. Bridget's Men's Club**  
Minutes of the Meeting of February 23, 2019

After a great breakfast prepared by Jim Willis the meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. 13 members were in attendance. Treasurer Mike Malucci conducted the meeting in the absence of President Dick Drake.

The minutes of the January meeting were distributed electronically and were approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Malucci reported that we have a total of \$7,782.00 in the treasury.

Anthony (facilities manager) reported that a wildflower bed will be tilled and prepared along the north end of the grounds and some of the scrub trees in front of the rectory will be removed starting in mid to late March. Some assistance will be needed from the Men's Club and K. of C. to cut trees and haul-away. This has been discussed with Fr. Paul. He will speak with Fr. Paul about the need for a workshop, possibly attached to the shed. This is needed to store tools and an indoor work space.

The Men's Club will host their only Lenten Dinner on March 22nd. All others will be prepared by the Women's club, Youth Group, K. of C. and Religious Education. This year's meals will be fairly simple, e.g., soup, sandwiches, salads & desserts.

John Sengewalt reported that on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the months, the Religious Education Group will be hosting video presentation of the history of the Catholic Church. It will be held in Hobert Hall.

Mark Guevremont reported that the K. of C. spaghetti dinner on St Bridget's feast day netted about \$700.00

Discussion held on the WATTS program (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter program). This is run by a group whose mission is to assist the area homeless with a place to stay overnight if temperatures fall below freezing. One local place participating is the Clarke County Ruritan Club. The needy are picked up and transported by WATTS to spend the night at the participating churches or other places. They arrive about 6:00 P.M. and leave about 6:00 A.M. They bring their own cots (provided by WATTS). Some places also provide food and drinks. A local person needs to remain with them overnight. Fr. Paul is interested.

Discussion held on elections. Due to the size of the group present, it was decided to table further action. It was noted that all men of the parish are eligible and invited to join Men's club. There is no cost to join.

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We were reminded of the recruitment opportunity for the various support groups: Men's Club, Women's Club, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD teachers to be present in the narthex after Mass on Sunday, 2/24 and the following Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>...and possibly Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion on possibility of July 4, fireworks parking as was done last year, but with the possibility of opening Hobert Hall to sell sodas, provide restroom facilities and garbage can facilities. We will discuss with Fr. Paul.

The K. of C. yard sale will be held June 8. The church picnic will be held June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fr. Paul will be establishing a parish council and hopes to have one member from each parish group.

The subject of constructing stairs to the Hall was mentioned. There has been no parish budget, but Fr Paul will be working to establish one. It was felt that, due to cost, no work will begin until a budget has been adopted.

Paul Doyle felt that we should also consider the erection of three flagpoles, preferably lighted, for a national flag, a state flag and a church flag. This idea received general approval, but may have to wait for an established budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

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