**December 11, 2017 - St. Mary’s Parish Council - Business Meeting**

**Gathering and Welcome** – Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Nick Jedlicka, secretary.

**Roll Call – 6:41** Father Tim, Alan Weiskamp, Sue Schmitt, Nick Jedlicka, June Maiers, Adam Haluska

**Opening Prayer – 6:42** all

**Aprroval of Minutes from November meeting – 6:45** motion by June Maiers, second by Alan Weiskamp. Motion carried.

**Council Disscussion – 6:46** Discussion of adoption of another parish. Bonnie Mattaliano (June will contact her) has knowledge in this arena. Possible adoption of Central/South/Latin American Parish. Council will also talk to Dr. Elizabeth Hickman about her work in this area also. Discussion on welcome station cards/outside visitor pew cards, this would help in getting families/individuals who are not registered “official” parish members to potentially register as a St. Mary member. Council members will find out more information and find good examples of welcome cards for consideration.

**Lightning round – 6:57** Cookie walk was very successful; K of C did a really nice job as well. No total as of this time, but will be one of best in terms of funds raised. Money goes to Helping Hands. K of C report Santa gave out around 85 gift bags to children, also used up all of the breakfast food; raised around $1700 gross total. Extra turkey available in church basement, council plans on giving them away to a family in need. Liturgy Commission – Chalices need replacing/replating…server training went well about 18 were in attendance…communal penance on Wednesday, December 13th. Christmas decorating at the church is Sunday, December 17th immediately following the 10:30 AM mass. Take down of Christmas decorations Sunday, January 7th immediately following 10:30 AM mass.

**Father Tim’s report – 7:12** Communal Penance Wednesday at 6:30 there will be seven priests including Father Tim. Thursday 12/14, the Holy Relics will be at 7:00 PM at the church with an hour presentation to begin the night Father Carlos Martins will be presenting. Parishoners are welcome to bring items such as Rosaries, important family pictures, other items of importance. Grass installed at old St. Mary cemetery, plots are being sold for $800 for a set of two gravesites, sites are plotted and marked. Cemetery committee meeting will be on January 22nd. Advent handout from Bishop Zinkula message and Bible passages pertinent to the Advent season. Faith Formation Roundtable in Muscatine January 12 or 13th starting at 9 AM and going to 1 PM….registration due by January 8th.

**Next Meeting – 7:29** planning for January 15th at 6:30 PM.

Council will begin reading The Joy of the Gospel packet that Julie Agne recommended. Council also was given Love is Patient, but I’m Not for reading/consideration.

**Closing Prayer – 7:44**

**Adjournment – 7:46**