

ST. FRANCIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 19, 2014 MEETING

**Opening Prayer** – Father Pierre Plante

**Attendance and Review of Minutes for the November 19, 2013 Meeting** - Motion by Ethel Martin and Gerry Winn to accept the minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Health Care Mass – November 24, 2013** – Was a success. 10-15 people had stayed after for anointing.

**Jesse Tree** – Gerry Winn reported that 500 tickets were made. A total of \$7,000 in gift cards were collected. Suggestion made that Price Rite should be added for next year's Jesse Tree. Gerry said that she did a few tickets. Gerry was complimented on a great job done.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mass for Carol Brown** – Parish Council will be having a Mass said for Gerry Winn's sister, Carol Brown, on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 8:00 A.M.

**By-Laws Committee** – A new committee has been formed for review and update of the Parish Council By-Laws. Committee members are Father Plante, Sheila Ehrens and Mike Cerbo.

**Steak Fry** – Will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2014 starting at Noon. Four members of the Knights of Columbus will be overseeing the event. They are Vincent Mattera, Thomas Savoie, Bob Walsh and Tom Choquette. Gerry Winn will be handling raffle. Volunteers will be needed for the raffle, food and tickets.

**Lenten Series** – Father Plante will be offering this series for the first five Sundays in Lent. Readings will be from the Old Testament from the History of Salvation to Babylon Captivity. Series starts on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**Summary of Ministry Fair in Bulletin** – Shelia mentioned that a report in more detail of the Ministry Fair for the first year will be placed in the bulletin for Pentecost Sunday.

**Diocese Satellite** – D. Lemoi replaced Charlotte at the West Warwick Diocese Satellite site.

**Social Justice** – Kathy McKeon indicated that there is a program called Blessing Way which helps inmates leaving the ACI. This program works with inmates on getting GED's. There is also a Landscaping training program of which \$150 is needed to sponsor the student. Rev. Joyce Penfield, Episcopal Minister is head of this program.

**Donations from St. Francis Parish** – The parish gave \$200 to the Diocese Satellite for RIPTIC's; \$1,000 was given to Emmanuel House in Providence.

**Ideas for Parish Events for 2014** – Presently working on the Steak Fry and social justice events. Will continue to promote and discuss new events.

**Bulletin Publication** – Pilot Publishers dropped bulletin since we did not have enough of ads. John Patrick now publishes our bulletins.

**Closing Prayer**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. - **Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Midura  
Parish Council Secretary