

Summary: Parish Council Minutes for November 14, 2017, Meeting

1. **Opening Prayer** – Father Nick led the opening prayer.
2. **Roll Call** – Excused Tina Starling.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Maureen Cool moved; Debbie Augusta 2nd; unanimous approval.
4. **Old Business:**
 - **Pastor's Report** – Father Nick commended Dennis Kellner, who is stepping down as Council President, for serving as one of the finest Parish Council President's in Father's 51 years as a priest. John Paul Heston was nominated and accepted membership on the Council. Karen Hecker and Teresa Torres agreed to serve one more term – for 2 years. Judy Pounds was unanimously approved as the new Parish Council President. Piedad Sarmiento-Noriega was unopposed for Vice-President and was unanimously approved. Dennis Kellner will continue to chair Buildings and Maintenance committee. Piedad will chair an expanding Hispanic Ministry.
 - **Finance Report** – Betty Partridge, chair, reported, First Quarter Offertory was down due to two Sundays during Hurricane Irma. The DOV Investment account continues to show a healthy increase because the stock market has been bullish. The 2017 CFA Goal of \$114,000 was exceeded by \$5,000.
 - **Religious Education Report** – Judy Nugent reported that enrollment is 290 students. Poinsettia are going very well. 56 teens attended the Diocesan Youth Rally and really enjoyed it. Bishop Dewane commended the Confirmation class on being very well prepared; their instructors Dawn and Travis Crosson and administrators, Angie & Judy.
 - **Building & Grounds** – Dennis Kellner will obtain bids for a new rectory roof & a new Church sign, damaged by hurricane Irma; he is reviewing need to replace Church carpet
 - **Technology & Communications** – Judy Pounds reported a good response to our Facebook.
 - **Social Ministry** – Elrie Myers reported social committee will help Christmas Pageant.
 - **Community Life** – Karen Hecker reported that the **Church Service Center (CSC)** is recovering from the damage caused by hurricane Irma. The Methodist Church on Lake, which is close nearby, has offered their facilities until CSC recovers space. **The K of C** completed its October baby Bottle Campaign – to date it has received \$4,389, which it will donate to “Choices,” an interchurch supported Pregnancy Care Center. Breakfasts have resumed after the summer recess on the first Sunday of the month. It plans an Oktoberfest October 21 and, is raffling off a 55 inch Vizio TV January 7th. **Meals on Wheels** – hurricane Irma caused no deliveries for 3 days. 417 meals delivered in September; 467 in October. It received a small grant from Highlands County Health Facilities.
 - **Bereavement** – John Wolbert, chair, will get names from parish office & reactivate.
 - **Hispanic** – Piedad Sarmiento-Noriega, chair, has a very large committee highly organized for the Guadalupe Festival. She replaces Humberto Ramirez who died suddenly this past year. Teresa Torres has a vibrant liturgy ready to go.
 - **Women's Guild** – Debbie Augusta, President, reported 40 members at October meeting; 50 members at November meeting, with 7 – 10 new members from welcome tea, chaired by Elrie Myers and Betty Ann Lee. Spaghetti Dinner is next project.
 - **President's final report** – President Dennis Kellner made a number of important recommendations.
 - **Closing Prayer** – Adjournment & next meeting – Tuesday, January 9th, 6 p.m., Grogan Center.