

Good Shepard Parish
5050 Oak Street
Hope Mills, NC 28348

**Parish Council Meeting
November 21, 2016**

Opening Prayer

Minutes Review/Approval

Agenda Review-Additions

Ministry Review

Pro Life - Rhonda (status of Martha or Catherine)

Stewardship/Finance - Steve

Catechesis - Tricia

Youth – Daniella Rizzotto

Others

San Isidore - continues to look for new rep

Old Business

- Healing the parish
- Good Shepherd's List (Angie's List of our parishioners – trusted service pros)- update Dina – one response so far but no we can invite parishioners to use the app
- Holy Stitchers – relocation
- Adoration Chapel – logistics Deacon Pat and Fr Gaul status
- Ministry Fair- Table offered to Ministries at Trick or Trunk (one signed up to date) update
- Panic Doors update
- Parish APP update
- Parish Ideas – Lee Pappa and Karen Morgan (discussed at E-team Mtg 9/26 – Deacon Pat ??
- Care Ministry met with Fr. Gaul

New Business

Pastor's Comments

Next Meeting: 3rd Monday, November 21, 7pm

Closing Prayer

Religious Education Minutes for November 2017:

Faith Formation:

Current Enrollment:

Pre-K:18	GR 6: 22
Kindergarten: 18	GR 7: 19
GR1: 19	GR 8: 16
GR 2: 34	GR 9: 20 1 ST Yr. Confirmation
GR 3: 16	GR 11 & 12: 16
GR 4: 12	GR 10: 15 2 nd Yr. Confirmation
GR 5: 17	RCIA Teens: 3
Parent Sacramental Preparation Class: 28	<u>Total children and teens: 245</u>

Parents/Students attending Sunday Classes:

273

- Grade 2 and sacramental preparation for children in other grades has been taking place on a weekly basis. The children will take part in their First Reconciliation during the Parish Advent Penance Service on December 14.
- First Year Confirmation Candidates have taken part in their diocesan mandated retreat. It had been rescheduled due to the hurricane from October 8th to November 5th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. If candidates were not able to attend they will have the opportunity to attend a retreat at St. Patrick Church in January.

Catholic Kids Club:

This club was originally meant for children in grades 4 & 5, meeting 2-3 times a year.

We have expanded it to include children in grades 3-5 and now meets monthly.

September theme was -- Life is Sacred/Care of Creation

October theme was -- Community of Saints/Call to Holiness

November theme was -- Thanksgiving -- The Catholic Story/Human Dignity

We are very grateful to the Herrera and Brown families, none of this would be possible without their leadership and help.

HSYM: Teens are in the planning stages for a Good Shepherd Christmas float to be entered in the Hope Mills Christmas Parade on December 3.

Registration fee for the float has been covered.

MSYM: Students will be taking part in the 11:30 Mass on December 18.

Students and youth ministers will be gathering at Arnette Park on December 18 to sing Christmas Carols.

Christmas Pageant:

- We have received generous donations.
- Shepherd staffs and angel wings have been purchased.
- Additional props such as lambs for our shepherds and battery operated candles for our little angels are still needed.
- Students registered to take part: 31 Parents volunteering to help: 6

This is going to be A LOT OF FUN!

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Teen Hurricane Relief:

Hurricane relief efforts led by students from St. Patrick and Good Shepherd Churches were launched in October. Donations of food, water, and clothing for children and teens in our area were gathered here and at St. Patrick Church. Our churches gathered together as one *Big Catholic Family* sorting and bagging clothing and food items for flood affected families. Donations were taken to Catholic Charities in Fayetteville, by St. Patrick Church, and made available to those in need. What a wonderful blessing for our students to be able to understand and take part in the Corporal Works of Mercy in this Year of Mercy ☺.

RCIA:

- Thanks to Camille Grupy and our RCIA Team – our process is running smoothly.
- We have three teenagers actively involved in the process this year.

Dollars and Sense Classes:

Facilitated by Don Soucy concluded this past Sunday. We are grateful to Don for sharing his time and talents with our parishioners.