

## ATM Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2018

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1. Guest: Mike Walker proposed ideas to create a relationship between the Blue Grass concerts that he coordinates and the ATM. He stated that the proceeds from this week's 50-50 raffle will be donated to the ATM, and that perhaps in the future, proceeds from the concert could be donated to the ATM. He stated that he could use volunteers to help with the food prior to the concert (5:00 – 7:15 pm). The concerts are scheduled for February 17, March 17, April 14, and May 19 this year. The ATM members thanked Mike for the donation and for offering to partner with the ATM. The members agreed that to continue to work with Mike to build the relationship.

**ACTION: Ron and Brenda Miller and Mark Law volunteered to help at the Feb. 17 concert and will inform Mike. They will set up the ATM banner and have a sign up sheet if anyone at the concert is interested in learning more about the ATM. If anyone else would like to help with future concerts, please contact Mike at coachmw@aol.com.**

2. Opening Reflection: Ron Miller led the reflection. He used advice from Pope Francis on fasting this Lent.
3. Shirley Uzel provided an update from the liaisons. They have been sending cards to HFP parishioners, and working with the HFP office to obtain missing addresses. They are also preparing a request for funds to cover purchases (stamps, cards, prayer cards, etc.) to support their work.

<u>Church</u>	<u>St. Michael Liaison</u>	<u>HFP Liaison</u>
St. Elizabeth	Mark Law	Donna Lambert
St. Teresa	Shirley Uzel	Cindy Lambert
St. Mary	Margie Bagby	Jacqueline Shawver
St. Joseph	Nora Newell	Frannie Minton

4. Shirley also summarized an article in the Richmond Times Dispatch (Divided by Parties But United by Needs), which covered a bill in the state legislature that is offering tax relief to encourage companies to move to economically distressed areas such as the HFP communities. Several ATM members suggested calling our delegates to encourage them to support the bill.
5. Ron summarized the results of the quarterly Human Concerns meeting with Deacon David. He stated that they are pushing financial accountability. Also, ATM co-coordinators have been invited to speak with the Parish Council about the mission of the ATM in April.

**ACTION: Ron and Gina to work with ATM members to prepare for meeting.**

6. Gina Borsh reported on her conversation with Fr. Jugene about the outreach priorities for HFP and how ATM can help. Fr. Jugene stated that he will be working on reorganizing the HFP

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committees, beginning in earnest after Lent. He stated that his first goal is to revise the bulletin, which he is working on now. He suggested that we can help by supporting the issuance of the bulletin (e.g., by purchasing an ad) because the bulletin is one way they evangelize. He does not currently have any other ideas on how we can help. The committee discussed this information, and agreed that it might be appropriate to support the bulletin. Members also voiced concern about needing clarification on how ATM can help HFP. It was recognized that Fr. Jugene is new and getting organized, and that we need to continue to work with him and the Parish Council to see how we can best help. One of the things that Fr. Jugene mentioned was that he is interested in restarting the youth ministry, and ATM members suggested that this might be an area where we can help if they are thinking about creating a youth center.

**ACTION: Gina Borsh to obtain costs for bulletin ads and let Fr. Jugene know that we might be able to help with youth ministry. Also, Gina to keep in touch with Fr. Jugene about other projects.**

7. ATM members discussed the results of the teens' Souper Bowl fundraising and the ATM bake sale. Members discussed how recipients accounted for expenditures, and how and when distributions were made. It was decided not to schedule a bake sale until after HFP provides more information about their needs and how ATM can help them.

**ACTION: Gina to find out into which account the donations from the giving tree were deposited.**

8. Mark Law reported that he spoke with Donna Lambert about the possibility of HFP having a summer party, similar to the HFP Christmas party.
9. Shirley Uzel reinforced the idea that it would be helpful to meet with HFP Parish Council and Fr. Jugene in person to discuss topics.

### Meeting Attendees:

Bill Breitbach	Joanna Piserchio	Dona Whitehead
Susanne Ferris	Ron Miller	C. S. Kessler
Stella Sargent	Brenda Miller	
Mark Law	Kathleen Joyce	
Shirley Uzel	Bernice Allen	
Gina Borsh	Jeanne Breitbach	

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gina Borsh