

Pastoral Council Minutes
St. John the Baptist Church, Meade, KS
May 4, 2016

Present for the meeting were Craig Ewing (Chairman) Tom Feldman , Vince Koons, Susan Dewell, Heather Flavin, Mary Cay Avis, Matthew Welsh. Dick Knott was absent.

Old Business

Craig reported on a conversation with Dick Knott concerning the replacement of the sign west of the parking lot. The material that the lumber yard had tried to order is no longer available. Dick is looking into other possibilities. (At the April meeting, the Council had decided not to accept a bid from Luminous Neon because of the cost of the proposal.)

The Council decided to make a donation to the family of C.J. Thomas to help with expenses associated with his illness.

No action has been taken on a proposal at the April meeting to replace some items needed in the kitchen of the Forst Center. Mary Cay Avis and Cara Borth will look into this matter.

There was a lengthy discussion of the cost estimate on the proposed bell tower. The architect estimates that the cost will be approximately \$34,000 provided that local labor can be used for a major part of the construction. The matter is being referred to the Finance Council.

Religious Education

Heather Flavin asked if the parish would assist in the cost of youth from the parish who wish to attend the Prayer and Action week in St. John (usually youth are not allowed to participate in the Prayer and Action when it is in their home town. There are two other opportunities in other communities). The cost is \$100 for the week. The Council agree that the parish would pay for 50% of that amount for those who commit to participating.

Liturgy

It was reported that some are questioning why the Clavinova is not being used. Father Ted reported that we need someone to learn how to use the instrument. We have a disk with recorded songs (from the Plains Parish). The titles did not copy so we need someone to put the song titles on the disk or to cord music onto a new disk. Fr. Ted agreed to make a contact with someone to see if they are willing to learn to use the instrument.

Susan mentioned that she will find an appropriate gift to give to the fathers of the Parish on Father's Day. She has made plans for a gift to mothers on Mother's Day.

New Business

There was a discussion of replacing some of the members of the Council. It was suggested that nominations be requested from the parish at large to replace at least two of the "at large" members of the Council. Fr. Ted will develop a form requesting nominations from parishioners. Parishioners may nominate members of the parish or they may nominate themselves. A selection will be made by the Council and the pastor from those nominated.