

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting
4-25-2017

Present: Fr. Mark, Dean Bruning, Bob Boeckman, Kevin Koster, Curt Pietig, Norma Wessling and Mary Snyder.

Minutes from 3-28-17 meeting were approved by Dean Bruning and seconded by Curt Pietig.

Financials approved by Dean Bruning and seconded by Mary Snyder.

Regular account: \$4,472.86

Cemetery account: \$72,965.48

Special account:

Blding Improvement account: \$4,031.25

Kuemper payments: Fr. will pay \$10,000.00 on 4-26-17. As of 3/31/17 we are behind \$86,390.53 and paying the \$10,000.00 will bring it down to \$76,390.53.

New microphone is needed for pulpit, purchased one from Sound and Service at the cost of \$320.00.

Discussion was made regarding the CD's that are coming up for maturity. These will be renewed.

Discussion was made regarding a letter to the envelope holders explaining our financial situation and the need for money to cover the bills and explain our increase in our assessment to Kuemper. Dean will draft a letter.

Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan:

37 people from St. Bernard's responded to the questionnaire of where and what time they like to worship. See survey.

Priests will live in 5 different locations.

Meeting will start in August/September. There is still a lot of planning to be done and we have parish representative yet.

Buildings and Grounds:

We decided to talk about steeple in the future.

Rectory:

Porch renovation was discussed. It was discussed to not do a full renovation now and work on our bills. It was decided to paint the outside frame of the windows and possibly the floor now. Fr. mentioned a few leaks in the corners. Also a new storm door is needed. Curt will donate the cost of the door and Kevin Koster will get it.

Mary Snyder will get a few ladies together and get the painting done.

Plumbing:

Toilets are backing up into the basement toilet. Fr. Will call Haberl's and have them look at this.

Cemetery:

Fr. Said he has not heard back from the bishop yet on the resolution for the fence. Father spoke to them and they were concerned about the height of the fence the stability of it. Father assured them the posts would be deep and installed with cement.

Trees have not been removed yet. After the fence is ordered, it will take 6-8 weeks to come in.

Children's Envelopes: they will be sent to each child in the parish.

Father is trying to get all the names into the system.

Accounts Status:

Telephone Shares: They cannot change to the cemetery due to no Federal ID #. The telephone office is willing to offer these to anyone for 90 days or waive 90 days and issue our money. They are good with whatever we want to do.

It was discussed to hold off on selling the shares for now. With sending out the letter to the envelope holders (as discussed earlier) regarding the financial situation, we may not need to sell the shares.

Endowment:

Able to make amends or not was discussed. There needs to be a 2/3 of vote to make a change, out of the Bishop, Vicar, priest and 2 lay people.

Divine Mercy:

The picture is hung.

Baffles for Gym:

Are here and Brian Koster will hang.

Entrance Doors:

Brian Tiefenthaler can fix the doors on the east and south set. They needed to order the part.

Father Stoll's 25th Anniversary :

The Ladies' Guild will be putting together a celebration on June 11 after mass in Breda. Also Deacon Greg celebrates his 25th Anniversary.

Secretarial opening:

No interest in the job has come forward yet.

Fr. Richter plans to make rounds on Sundays.

Next Meeting will be on May 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:50 p.m. a motion to adjourn by Fr. Stoll and seconded by Norma Wessling was approved.

Norma Wessling, secretary