

**St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting**  
**5-23-2017**

**Present:** Fr. Mark, Dean Bruning, Norma Wessling, Mary Snyder, Curt Pietig.

**Absent:** Bob Boeckman and Kevin Koster

Minutes from 4-25-2017 meeting were approved by Dean Bruning and seconded by Mary Snyder.

Financials were approved by Dean Bruning and seconded by Curt Pietig.

Regular account: \$11,067.06

Special: \$1517.52

Cemetery: \$72,620.98

Building improvement account: \$4,031.25

**Kuemper:** No payment yet this month. It was approved to pay \$6,751.90 now and not pay the \$10,000.00.

Kathy McDermott's term expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on the Kuemper school board. Mt. Carmel will represent for the upcoming year.

**Endowment fund:** there were two meetings held, still no decision made on an amendment.

**Cemetery:** Matt Ortner has finished taking the trees along the north side and he trimmed the trees down the center road. The charge for his services was \$2750.00.

We have not received the signed approval letter from the Bishop to go ahead with the fence. The resolution was signed late March. Fr. Mark Stoll will call Sioux City, Chancellor's office on Wednesday, 5-24-17. The

Heisterkamp family would like to proceed with this project. They will need \$10,000.00 to get the fence ordered as down payment.

**Flags:** There will be a new flag purchased for in front of the school. Arnold Tiefenthaler will put a new rope on. The American Legion put a new flag out at the Cemetery also.

**Plumbing:** Toilet in basement is now working.

**AED:** Fr. Mark filled out a grant for an AED/Defibrillator. We will await to see if we get one.

**Telephone Shares:** Father will find the original paper shares. A motion was made to sell the 58 telephone shares by Curt Pietig and seconded by Mary Snyder. By the authority of Dean Bruning and Bob Boeckman this will be done.

The Telephone Company will buy these 58 shares for face value and waive the 90 day waiting period. If any interested parties contact us about purchasing some shares, we will advise them we will take their name and notify them if we need to sell again. They are going for approximately \$1077.00 each. The Telephone Company has their meeting July 1, 2017.

**Budget: (Proposed)**

**Insurance:** what to expect for 2017-2018

**Salaries:** Father's will go up.

**Fund Raisers:** Valentines dance - cut expenses

Golf Outing –

Pork chop/piano –

Motion was made by Dean Bruning and seconded by Mary Snyder to approve the 2017-2018 Budget.

## **New Business:**

### **New Financial Internal Controls**

Ladies guild, choir and environmental will hand their monies over to Father and the book keeper.

These accounts will be ear-marked in the account to be used for those things only and stay at St. Bernard's.

It was suggested by Father to put the cemetery money into a savings account and when money is needed use the general fund, but reimburse the general fund with money from the cemetery savings. This would allow us to not having so many checking accounts.

Fr. Mark believes Fr. Richter will say mass on some Sunday's and that he would be living here for at least one more year.

New policy coming from Sioux City is that no Hypnotists are allowed in our facilities or functions, or any other inappropriate entertainment.

**Totus Tuus:** St. Lawrence in Carroll is planning a week long program for the young to participate in. The cost would be \$200.00 for the three parishes. We will see if any Breda young sign up to go.

Father Stoll's last day as our pastor is June 27, 2017 at noon.

Next Meeting is June 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:40 p.m. a motion to adjourn by Norma Wessling and seconded by Dean Bruning was approved.

Norma Wessling, secretary