

**ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
1-24-18**

**Present: Mary Snyder, Norma Wessling, Curt Pietig, Becky Vonnhame and Father Mark Stoll**

**Absent: Kevin Koster, Randy Snyder**

Minutes from August, 2017 approved by Curt Pietig and seconded by Mary Snyder.

Financials: motion to approve by Norma Wessling and seconded by Mary Snyder.

Kuemper payments: We are paid through 11-15-17. Father is now paying Kuemper at the beginning of the month. This allows the payment to show up on that months report.

Pork Chop Dinner of 2017: Net profit was \$14,014.51. It was discussed whether this is getting burned out and need to think of some other type of fund raiser.

Valentin Dinner 2018: Monies are coming in. Cost of ticket printing, decorations and etc... have been paid. 2017 Valentine dinner/dance took in \$29,000.00 minus expenses of \$11,000.00 with a rough net profit income of \$17,000.00.

Kuemper school board: there will be a town hall meeting on 2-8-18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the possible merge of all students to the middle school and have "one campus".

Dr. John Evans is our representative from Mount Carmel.

Endowment Fund: The Board met on Wed. 1-10-18 and voted to give \$10,000.00 to the parish for the repair/reshingling of the bell tower/steeple.

Ministry 2025: Directors, priests and deacons have been working on a proposal to send to the bishop for his approval.

- Holy Spirit and St. Lawrence will merge to form one parish.
- Pastor and 4 Vicars, but will lose one. Therefore with Fr. Schott will make 5.
- Fr. Feller will be full time at Kuemper
- 2 parishes going into oratory status this summer
- 3 more parishes going to oratory status later
- St. Bernard's remaining a parish for a longer time

Becky Vonnahme said the meetings have been eye opening. The number of envelope holders at some parishes was surprising to her. And which parishes will go to oratory was voted upon. Also 2 parishes have no students at Kuemper.

No ordinations this year in our diocese, but in 2019 there will be one. Currently there are 8 seminarians.

The priests in the cluster meet twice a week.

Bookkeeper search: The name Lois Reiff was brought up and discussed. Julie Eich comes 3 hours a month to help.

Building and grounds: The new furnace in the church was installed and cost \$2,000.00. Lady Foresters gave \$100.00.

Security: The thought of cameras was discussed. Church is locked on Halloween and July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Steeple: Bids from 2 companies were obtained. Steeplejacks of America, LLC's bid was \$197,750.00. This includes removal and replacement with Slate looking like shingles. Steeplejacks is out of Ohio.

The other is Krause Construction out of Wisconsin bid \$99,025.00 with Decra stone coated steel shingles. They will fabricate and install a new stainless steel cross and ornament.

Motion was made to accept Krause Construction's bid was motioned by Mary Snyder for the Decra stone coated steel shingles and seconded by Curt Pietig to proceed with Resolution to the Bishop.

Next step will be to submit this resolution letter to the Bishop. Then start the campaign and raise the money.

Improvement fund will receive the \$10,000.0 from the Endowment Fund which is a start.

Baffles in Gym: More permanent placement was discussed.  
School doors: on hold for now.

Priest's house: Porch renovation: Floor is still in need of completion. Possibly look into asking DMACC students to help with the refinishing. Garage door needed to be replaced. This was done and purchased at Tiefenthaler's Bldg and Supply.

Cemetery: tree was cleared by Curt Pietig.

New rope for the flag pole will be installed by Scott Masching.

### New Business:

Council memberships and terms were discussed. The issue of members to attending meetings was discussed. Father gave examples of Proposed Pastoral Council and Proposed Finance Councils. He suggested revamping the bylaws to improve and update them.

### Insurance Matters:

Parish hall rental was discussed and examples of Facility usage/Indemnity agreement and application for special coverage were passed out. Examples of why these forms need to be completed by the renter to cover ourselves legally.

### Scoopers of snow and ice spreading:

Date, initial, time of day and job done needs to be completed on log. Insurance will pay someone signed in that it was done.

### Safe Environment:

This is a program every employee of a catholic parish needs to attend. It was started in 2003 and put safe guards into place. All people who teach or have any contact with the elderly or children need to do this.

### Quick Books:

Our program needs to be upgraded to Quickbooks Pro Desktop 2018. Cost is a total of \$205.00 including shipping. This cost will be split between all parishes.

Father asked us to be thinking of fellow parishioners that could be replacements for the members who want to be off the council.

Next meeting has been set for Wed. April 11, 2018 at 7:00.

At 9:00 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Becky Vonnhame and seconded by Norma Wessling was approved.

Norma Wessling, secretary