

Meeting of the Parish Council of

St. John Catholic Church

January 23, 2018

Those in attendance were Father Mark Stoll; parish bookkeeper Julie Eich; directors Steph Hansen and Tim Vogl; council members Curt Schweers, Peg Scheidt, Brian Pottebaum, and LuAnn Vollstedt; Building and Grounds Committee members Jerome Henkenius and Bud Bruch; and parish guild president, Sheila Higgins. Father Mark welcomed newcomers, Peg Scheidt and Brian Pottebaum, to the council.

The parish Mission Statement was read aloud by the Council members.

Minutes of the October 24, 2018, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Curt, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.

Reports

Financials: Financials were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve made by Steph, seconded by Sheila. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds: Church - The carpet has been installed and the bill received, with the project coming in under budget. Steve Scharfenkamp and Tim Vogl did some caulking on the choir loft ceiling, and Jerome did some scraping and cleaned it up. Tim will see if Mike Haubrich will be available to paint the four spots that need covered, and then we will see what happens in the spring. The lift was borrowed from Randy Kohorst. Julie will send thank yous to Steve Scharfenkamp and Randy Kohorst. The portion of the ridge cap that was lost last summer has been replaced. The door sweep on the east door needs attention. Jerome will ask Mike Haubrich to take care of it. Grounds - Lighting on the south and west sides of the church grounds has been completed. The north side remains. Someone damaged one of the lanterns. The repairs will be taken care of by the family of the person responsible. Cemetery - Tim reported that Mike Schulte is drawing up plans for the cemetery. Hope to pour concrete driveway this summer with help of volunteers. Cost estimates are high, so Tim will find someone to help complete that portion of the project. Father reported we are looking for a couple of new people for the Cemetery Committee. The committee will address grave seeding, perpetual care and clean-up day items. Tim trimmed one of the trees by the road. House - Nothing new to report.

Guild: This year's fish supper will be March 9. Will invest in more advertising this year.

Kuemper School Board: Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan: Carroll County Planning Meetings - There have been three planning meetings of the Carroll County priests. Father distributed handouts explaining their proposed proposal to have all parishes form their own Parish Finance Council and a Cluster Pastoral Council to develop

ways to encourage more people to attend church. They are waiting for feedback from the Diocese on the proposed proposal. Their goal is to have it finalized by April 1. Parish Fish Fry - Plans for the Fish Fry are moving forward.

New Business

Special Donation: The church received a special donation of \$5,000 to be used wherever needed.

Computer: The parish will be purchasing either a new laptop or a desktop with either one or two monitors. The possibility of using part of the \$5,000 special donation for this purchase was discussed. Julie and Father will decide which computer option will best fit the needs of the parish. Motion to move ahead with the computer purchase moved by Curt, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Quickbooks Pro 2010 Upgrade: The accounting software of the three parishes is out of date and an upgrade must be purchased. Cost of the upgrade would be split three ways, costing each parish \$75. It was discussed that the recent \$5,000 special donation could also possibly fund the purchase of the upgrade. Motion to proceed with the software upgrade moved by Curt, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Insurance: Parish Hall Rental Agreements - Father distributed sample forms that the insurance company is requiring be completed by those wanting to use the three parish facilities. Snow Removal - The insurance company is also requiring a snow removal log be kept to protect against allegations of negligence. Father distributed the log along with maintenance recommendations to follow to minimize injury on church property. Safe Environment - All employees must be trained in the Safe Environment Program.

With no additional business, the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, or Tuesday, April 24. Father will consult his schedule to finalize the date.

Fr. Mark led a closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Sheila, seconded by Curtis. Motion carried at 8:35 p.m.