

ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4-11-18

PRESENT: Becky Vonnahme, Curt Pietig, Norma Wessling, Mary Snyder, Randy Snyder, Fr. Mark Stoll, and Kevin Koster

Minutes from 1-24-18 approved by Curt Pietig and seconded by Mary Snyder.

Financial report approved by Becky Vonnahme and seconded by Kevin Koster.
Father reported that \$2,700.00 came in after report was typed up.

An account with Edward Jones was started in 2011. Current balance is \$0.

Gifts given to the Endowment were: Julie Stork of \$425.00, R. Wittry of \$50.00, and Ray Schettler of \$500.00.

Breda Telephone dividend was put into General Fund @ \$1,800.00

Guild reported \$17,411.57 was the net income for the Valentines Dance. Fr. moved all to the General Fund from the Special Events account except \$1,000.00.

Payment to Kuemper of \$18,067.68 was done on 4-3-18 for our January 2018 payment.

Kuemper School Board is working on a new Handbook on how the school board works. And their "One Campus Study" Committee will present to the KHS school board on May 15th their report as discussion continues on whether or not to close the St. Lawrence campus and moving all to the Kuemper campus.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ministry 2025 – meeting delayed until May. Goals include "how do we increase the number attending Masses" and parish leadership.

There will be a meeting on 4-26-18 with lay directors, secretaries, musicians, etc. of the six [6] parishes being assigned to Fr. Mark as pastor on July 10. They will discuss Mass times, etc. Fr. Mark has called this meeting together and will present to this group the proposal to have a full-time secretary in Breda for all and to share this expense with all parishes with Breda as the "hub".

When Fr. Schott retires and will not do Masses anymore AND if we cannot get another retired priest is when Mt. Carmel and Glidden will become oratory parishes.

With these six (6) parishes under the leadership of Fr. Mark, there will be shared costs, such as salaries, health insurance, food, Fr. Schott's salary, secretary, and CCYM. [There will be 130 students from Kuemper going to the Steubenville Conference this year for this year including five [5] from St. Bernard.] Currently, the percentage the parishes pay is broken down as 40% Breda, 30% Mt. Carmel and 30% Arcadia.

Fr. Mark is asking all parishes to plan on the same budget for next year even though Fr. Shinoj Jose will be moving to the other cluster in the County.

Currently, the parish investment to Kuemper for St. Bernard is \$216,812.00. It is proposed to be decreased for the 2018-19 school year to \$201,657.46, but needs approved by school board yet. Fr. said the decline is based on the loss of parishioners here and gain of parishioners in other parishes. We now for 200 families registered at St. Bernard.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Steeple resolution has been sent to Bishop and has been approved. We have \$10,000.00 from the Endowment Fund, \$500.00 from Rosella Wegman estate and \$25,000.00 from Insurance. This leaves us with \$63,525.00 needed yet.

Fr. proposed to do this summer. Possible avenues to help would be grants, Renze trust, Timmerman trust and put in bulletin. Becky Vonnahme will compose a letter to mail to the parishioners. Fr will put it in the bulletin that a letter will be sent out next weekend. Other ideas were pledge cards, facebook and parish web site and plaque with names of donors on. We will go to Stones printing and get the letter head stationery with the picture of the church and steeple on it.

School doors: Carroll Glass gave bid of \$10,000.00 for new doors that would be handicapped accessible for south side and possible mail slot. Left hand side door now has broken glass in it.

A keyless door on the North entry was mentioned by Melanie Hundling for a Fitness Center, that way there would be 24 hour entry. Feld Electric was contacted but no bid yet. Walsh Doors out of DSM was mentioned for possible bid also. There are a lot of questions regarding the possibility of a "Fitness center" like what would the rent fee be. Also mentioned was her carrying the liability insurance. Melanie is to write up a proposal plan. We will continue to discuss this.

Furnace: Fr. said every 2 days the furnace shuts down. Haberl Plumbing has been up many times vacuuming out the exhaust pipe, etc. They have not determined the problem yet. The AC/Heat in the office is not working either and may need to be replaced.

Porch: Mary Snyder will work on the porch floor, it needs to be sanded and refinished or painted and quarter round and seal off. She will purchase a new rug.

Chapel renovation: Kevin K. has been trying to reach Bernholtz to work on stone work, but has been unsuccessful reaching them. Moonlight Brothers was suggested as another option. David Nieland would like 2 statues from chapel repainted.

Quick Books-Pro desktop 2018 is up and going.

Connect Now is an On-line based Family directory – software. All current parish information is on file in the computer and backed up every 2 weeks. The Connect Now or Parish Soft allows people to go on line to access/change information as needed. Father could access information wherever he is. Bid given to Fr. is \$900.00 for conversion from current files to new one, \$1,887.00 for full package. Parishioners can load their own emails, cell phone numbers and even joint the parish within this Parish Soft.com. There is also a yearly fee. Motion to approve and go forward was Becky Vonnahme and seconded by Randy Snyder.

Lawn Mowers: It was proposed to replace the 2005 Toro Z Master which is used at the cemetery with a newer model. It was advised by Tom Wessling to get a heavy deck for the new mower. This would come out of the cemetery fund. Motion to approve the trade and purchase of new Toro by Curt Pietig and seconded by Becky Vonnahme. This will be done at Iowa Small Engine.

Father mentioned purchasing a small blade for the little tractor so more snow can be moved. This will be discussed more later.

Tom Wessling will be retiring from the snow removal position for the next winter season.

Employee Policy Manual- We need to draft and change so applies to St. Bernard. Job descriptions, etc need to be changed. This is in progress and we will continue to work on this. Also should state that Holy Days are off if fall on Monday thru Friday and office would be closed.

Norma Wessling has decided to end her service on the council and has turned her binder in.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2018 at 1p.m.

At 8:35 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Mary Snyder and seconded by Randy Snyder was approved.

Norma Wessling
Secretary