

Meeting of the Parish Council of

St. John Catholic Church

August 8, 2018

Those in attendance were Father Mark Stoll; parish bookkeeper, Julie Eich; council members, Peg Scheidt, Melvin Berger, Mae Vonnahme, and LuAnn Vollstedt; director, Stephanie Hansen; parish guild president, Sheila Higgins; and Building and Grounds Committee member, Jerome Henkenius.

Julie Eich led the opening prayer. Fr. Mark called the meeting to order. The Parish Mission Statement was read aloud by the Council members.

Minutes of the June 20, 2018, meeting were reviewed. It was incorrectly recorded in the minutes that Fr. Mark led the opening prayer rather than Sheila Higgins. Correction was made. Motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Peg, seconded by Melvin. Motion carried.

Reports

Financials: Financials were reviewed and discussed. The church is one month into the new fiscal year. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Mae, seconded by Sheila. Motion carried.

Kuemper School Payment: A portion of May and all of June remains to be paid for the fiscal year, totaling \$15,950.16. Monthly assessment payments for the new fiscal year have increased from \$11,937.63 to \$12,933.82. All of July remains to be paid. After discussion, motion was made by Mae and seconded by Peg to take \$15,950.16 from Catholic Schools Foundation to pay the remainder of FY 2017-2018. Motion carried. July's assessment will be paid with regular income.

Old Business

Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan: Income is down somewhat since the July 10 transition. Positive comments have been received regarding the format of the new bulletin. Advertising is being purchased. Payment for advertising is made to St. Bernard, and any ads for the Arcadia area are credited back to St. John. Fr. Mark and Fr. Kevin will meet to discuss the Pastoral Council and the plan to increase attendance.

Special Donation: All six parishes are using the ParishSoft software. The internet speed at St. John is too slow for the new software. The Council agreed to increase internet speed from 5 mb to 10 mb. Part of the \$5,000 special donation will also be used to install internet in the church hall for religious education classes. Julie will talk with Brian Pottebaum to see what he can do to help with installation.

Finance Council: Consideration is being made to reconstitute this Parish Council as a Finance Council, with the formation of a separate Pastoral Council made up of ex-officio members, members of the Guild, Cemetery Committee, and six- to eight parishioners. Fr. Mark distributed a proposed Finance Council Constitution. Some initial changes were noted at the time of this day's meeting. The Parish Council

will review and submit any suggested changes at the next meeting.

Employee Handbook: Fr. Mark distributed the first draft of St. John the Baptist Parish Employee Policy Manual to the Parish Council members and invited them to read through and make any suggestions at the next meeting.

Church Maintenance: Julie will remind Tim Vogl to look into the choir loft ceiling water leakage. Jerome learned from one of the lift inspectors that they could install an enclosure around the lift. He asked if he would provide an estimate but has not heard from him. He will inquire again.

New Business

The Annual Diocesan Fiscal Year Report for 2017-2018 was reviewed by the council. Correction of the reporting of the amount remaining due for the Kuemper assessment was noted. Motion to approve the correction was made by LuAnn, seconded by Mae. Motion carried. The Council members present signed the corrected report, which will be submitted to the Office of Finance and the bishop.

Parish Breakfast: The parish breakfast will take place on September 16, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Assignments were handed out to the council members.

With no additional business, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Mark led a closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sheila, seconded by Peg. Motion carried.