

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Holy Name Finance Council
Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2020
West Union – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Fr. Don Komboh(President)
Building & Grounds = Don Baumler, Roger Schmitt, Ken Scholbrock
Cluster Council = Bill Bouska
Parish Life = Jane Marshall

ABSENT: Faith Formation = Amy Ihde/Justin Heins
Cluster Council = Katrina Schmitt
Finance Officer = Kathy Wenthold

NON-VOTING: Present = Maureen Johnson (Business Mgr.) Pam Rochford (Sec.)
Absent = Deacon Michal Schemmel

Council Chair, Don Baumler invited Father Komboh to begin the meeting with prayer.

Approval of the agenda for February 11, 2020 motion by Jane, second Bill, CARRIED
Approval of November 14, 2019 minutes motion Bill, second Jane, CARRIED

Business Manager, Maureen reported on the Year-To-Date financials of Holy Name. The budget percentages for stewardship are good and close to where they should be at 96% although Christmas giving was down \$10,000.00. Fundraising events have been excellent and have brought in \$12,800.00! The Council will begin planning the Dad's Belgian Waffles. Kathy will be contacted for available dates. The religious education program is close to budget. For expenses, office supplies are over budget, this expense fluctuates on a year to year basis and Cluster expenses from the Holy Name office are reimbursed on a set monthly amount paid semi-annually. Council asked Maureen to look into the monthly maintenance contract we have for the copiers in both offices. Wondering if this is really a necessary expense or if we could get by with maintenance when needed. A possible decision to be made at the next Council meeting. Total expenses are at 7% under budget.

Money Counters were invited to a training workshop to review the process for weekend deposits. Pam will keep track of her extra time when trying to get deposits to balance. We are short on counters and it was recommended to personally invite new people to become money counters.
Ken motioned to approve the business report, second Roger, CARRIED.

For Cluster reports, Bill reported on the Cluster Council minutes of January 23,2019. Tom Grapes will be our ArchdioceseOne representative; the 6-month Mass rotation is coming up and there will not be a change in this rotation so that we can maintain consistency; the bulletin will remain as is for publication. No report was available on the Cluster Faith Formation meeting.

In Cluster Committee reports, Liturgy and Social Justice were covered by Bill during the Cluster Council report.

Jane reported on Parish Life. The Rosary Society just held the Soup Supper; CDA is collecting entries for their Education Contest; quilting will be next week and they had a guest speaker at their February meeting. KC's held their Birth Rite Collection; the annual fish fry will be March 13th; they will have the cemetery project completed by April/May; March has 5 Sundays so there should be a breakfast.

Father commented on getting the youth more involved with these parish life activities. We need youth involvement in things like the fish fries, waffles, soup suppers and include their involvement in Mass ministries. Youth Masses would allow even the younger students opportunities to assist with ministries. We need to acknowledge their efforts with possibly giving them gifts for their endeavors. The Council would like to see youth Masses before summer break during March, April and May.

The Cluster Stewardship committee is being formed and Holy Name needs to find a representative for this committee. Some names were shared and they will be contacted to see if they are willing to become involved.

Don reported on buildings & grounds.

1) Parish center south sidewalk has had the hand rail fasteners replaced and patched the crumbling concrete.

2) Norm Einck tried a polishing process on the church windows and it really worked well. This process will go forward this summer with the help of volunteers.

3) The lawn will be sprayed this spring for weed control.

4) On the north side of the church between the KC doors the dirt has settled and collects water runoff. This will be leveled out this spring.

5) The walls in the church entrance and sacristy will be plastered and painted this summer. The Rosary Society will help with this cost.

6) All the rectory windows need new aluminum facial trim to seal the wood from weather. A \$1000.00 donation has already been received for this project.

7) Blacktopping the back parking lot and fixing the slopes for water runoff will be scheduled with the City of West Union for the spring/fall of 2022 at an approximate cost of \$32,000.00. Discussed how to approach a fundraiser for this project so that the funds would be available by 2022. Suggestions included a committee, pledges, parish project donation envelopes. More will be decided at the next meeting.

Other business discussed was the rental charges for the Parish Center. After review and discussion, it was agreed to raise the rental prices to \$100 hall only, \$150 hall and kitchen, \$50 kitchen only, \$200 for funeral wakes. The new charges will become effective July 1, 2020. Pam will type up these changes and the Council will review and vote on them at the next meeting.

Holy Name will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary this year. Don will make an announcement at Mass inviting 6-8 parishioners to be part of a planning committee with reps from the Rosary Society, KC's, & CDA. Ideas shared for the celebration: dinner, Mass, musicians, souvenirs, banner, etc. Don would also like to mount a 6"-8" wide display cabinet for artifacts of Holy Name above the piano at the parish hall.

Bill motioned to adjourn, second by Jane, CARRIED.
Father Komboh led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Rochford, Secretary

Next meeting, May 14, 2020