

Meeting of the Parish Council of

St. John Catholic Church

April 24, 2018

Those in attendance were Father Mark Stoll; parish bookkeeper, Julie Eich; council members, Peg Scheidt, Brian Pottebaum, Melvin Berger and LuAnn Vollstedt; and Building and Grounds Committee member, Jerome Henkenius.

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

Not enough in attendance to reach a quorum, the minutes of the January 23, 2018, meeting will be reviewed for approval at a later time.

Director, Tim Vogl, joined the meeting, creating the quorum needed to conduct official business.

Minutes of the January 23, 2018, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Peg, seconded by Melvin. Motion carried.

Reports

Financials: Financials were reviewed and discussed. There is just over \$1,900 remaining to be paid for the Kuemper Assessment for February, and full payments for March and April remain, totaling \$25,900.32 currently due. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Peg, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds: Church - The choir loft ceiling was painted voluntarily by Randy and Vicki Wolterman. Julie will send a thank you to them for their efforts. Will wait to see if leakage continues before pursuing further. The wooden wheel that the rope rides on to ring the steeple bell has collapsed. As long as the electronic bell continues to work, will not do anything with the wheel. Grounds - Changing the light bulbs to LEDs on the west, north and east sides of the property remains to be completed. New fixtures may be necessary. All snow removal for last winter was done voluntarily by Arcadia Limestone and Paul Shrad. A gift was given to Paul to thank him for his efforts. Cemetery - Fr. Mark reported on a recent meeting of the Cemetery Committee which included discussion of last year's fund raising efforts, mapping, timeline for development, and plans for the summer. House - No issues to address currently.

Guild: Nothing new to report. The next Guild meeting will take place on May 14.

Kuemper School Board: Fr. Mark spoke on the possible move of St. Lawrence Junior High to the Kuemper school building. The Kuemper investment has tentatively been approved.

Old Business

Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan: Fr. Mark's pastoral duties will be expanding as of July 10, to include

Arcadia, Breda, Mt. Carmel, Glidden, Halbur, Roselle and Templeton.

Parish Fish Fry: Will get an official report after next Guild meeting on May 14.

The Faith Formation program is doing well.

All parishes will need to fund the Youth Ministry program beginning July 1.

Father is looking for a full-time assistant in Breda.

The budget is to be approved by July 1. Fr. Mark's pastoral duties have expanded and St. John Parish is now also responsible for a portion of Fr. Tim Schott's salary, but will try to maintain the current budget.

Special Donation: The church purchased a new laptop and upgraded the accounting software with the \$5,000 special donation.

Parish Finance/Pastoral Councils - Proposed Constitutions: Discussed updating the Finance and Pastoral Councils' constitutions.

New Business

The Council discussed a new membership tracking software being considered for purchase. Also being considered is the creation of an employee handbook to be in effect at all parishes. The salary increase of the parish secretary was discussed. A recent incident with request for assistance from transients was discussed. Options for management of future occurrences were raised.

With no additional business, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 20.

Fr. Mark led a closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Peg, seconded by Melvin. Motion carried.