

Meeting of the Parish Council of

St. John Catholic Church

June 20, 2018

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

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

Minutes of the April 24, 2018, meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Peg, seconded by Melvin. Motion carried.

Reports

Financials: Financials were reviewed and discussed. March Kuemper School payment has been made. The parish is behind \$35,887 for the months of April, May and June. The Bazaar Fund is doing well. Father Mark is pleased with the response received from all three parishes regarding his request in the bulletin for parish financial support. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Curt, seconded by Sheila. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds: Church - There has been no additional water leakage of the choir loft ceiling. Will have K&D Painting repaint after July 1, if it continues to stay dry. No additional water has been detected in the basement. Chris Johnson has offered to attempt to repair the wooden wheel that collapsed. The bells are ringing again after a glitch this spring caused them to go silent. Cemetery - There are approximately 30 yards of the driveway remaining to be installed. Mike Schulte will work on mapping and plotting. Will have the donors select their plots. Grass will be planted in the fall. The Cemetery Committee approved two burials per grave: a casket and urn or two urns. A blessing of the grounds will be performed in the fall prior to burials taking place. Tim suggested an appreciation event be held for the volunteers who helped throughout the project. Holding an event for the whole parish was also mentioned. Jerome recalled that it was requested last summer that the doors of the church be repainted. The council members discussed and all agreed it should be done. Stephanie and Mae will head the project. House - No issues to address currently.

Guild: The last Guild meeting took place on May 14. The March 9 fish supper took in a profit of \$2,500, with 648 people being served. Plans are beginning for next year's fish fry on March 29, 2019. Funeral Committee discussion was tabled until the next meeting, which will be held on October 11, 2018.

Kuemper School Board: The move of St. Lawrence Junior High to the Kuemper main building is still under discussion.

Old Business

Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan: Roselle's last mass will be July 7. Mass times for all parishes following July 10 have been published. A town hall meeting of St. John parishioners was held following the June 9 mass regarding the time change of church services to 10:00 Sunday. It was explained that this is the best option on the table, considering the priests' schedules, availability of musicians, and the number of people attending masses. Will re-evaluate after one year. One bulletin will be printed for all six parishes. Expenses will be shared by the six parishes, with St. John's portion at 16 percent.

Donna Wesley is the new full-time assistant in Breda. She will keep the books for Breda and Mt. Carmel and will be the administrative assistant for all six parishes. Twenty-five percent of her salary will be paid by Breda and Mt. Carmel, with the remaining 75% being split by the six parishes.

The Faith Formation program is doing well.

There is approximately \$4,000 of the special \$5,000 donation remaining following purchase of the new laptop and Quickbooks software.

Parish Finance/Pastoral Councils: Discussion continues regarding the proposed constitutions of the Finance and Pastoral Councils.

This council discussed using the remaining \$4,000 of the special donation to purchase the ParishSoft software (\$1,626) and fund its annual renewals (\$476). Motion to approve was made by Curt, seconded by Melvin. Motion carried.

Employee Handbook: St. Bernard's Employee Handbook has been completed. Will begin work on St. John's.

New Business

Budget: The 2018-2019 budget was discussed. Motion to approve was made by Mae, seconded by Peg.

Roof over Lift: The Council considered whether to put a roof over the lift or enclose it. Father Mark encouraged the Council members to visit other parishes that have done something similar. Approval will require passage through the Diocese Building Committee and a resolution with the bishop. Will continue discussion at the next meeting.

It has been brought to Father Mark's attention that the hall has been dirty when groups enter to use it for an event. Will see if Cindy Haubrich will be willing to touch it up prior to others using it.

With no additional business, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 9, at 7:00.

Fr. Mark led a closing prayer.

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

LuAnn Vollstedt