

## Meeting of the Parish Council of

St. John Catholic Church

December 4, 2018

Those in attendance were Father Mark Stoll; parish bookkeeper, Julie Eich; council members, Peg Scheidt, Brian Pottebaum, and LuAnn Vollstedt; and Building and Grounds Committee member, Jerome Henkenius. A quorum was not present.

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

With the absence of quorum, minutes of the August 8, 2018, meeting were not reviewed. The minutes will be addressed at the next council meeting.

### Reports

Financials: Financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Without quorum achieved, the reports were not approved.

Kuemper School Payment: Remaining partial payment for August and all of September, October, and November total \$48,958.94. Father reported that the monthly assessments have increased just under \$1,000 per month because church closings have caused a decrease in the number of registered families.

### Old Business

Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan: Fr. Mark and Fr. Kevin will meet to discuss the Pastoral Council and the plan to increase attendance. Father noted the decrease in mass counts since 2016.

There will be information available to parishioners regarding how they can use the new ParishSoft tracking software to access their personal records with the parish.

Father Mark discussed the challenges of parish social media upkeep.

Special Donation: There is approximately \$3,000 of the special donation remaining. All six parishes are using the ParishSoft software. Work continues on internet installation in the church hall for religious education classes.

Finance Council: The second reading of the proposed Finance Council Constitution will be tabled until the next meeting.

Employee Handbook: The second reading of the first draft of St. John the Baptist Parish Employee Policy Manual will be tabled until the next meeting.

Church Maintenance: Jerome Henkenius reported that K & D Painting will be able to paint the choir loft ceiling. He will contact them again to learn when they can complete the project.

Jerome also reported that the outfit which did the inspection of the lift responded that they would not be able install an enclosure around the lift, citing it would be too difficult to make it so that it would operate effectively.

Parish Breakfast: The parish breakfast report was reviewed. Four hundred twenty people were served with a total profit, including the breakfast and auction, of \$3,444.24. A price for purchase of leftovers will be established for next year.

Cemetery Expansion: The cemetery expansion project is almost complete with, mainly, tree planting remaining for next spring.

#### New Business

The terms of council members Mae Vonnahme and Curt Schweers will be up in January.

Father asked the council members to think about how the church may obtain a newer, used copier to have in the church hall for religious education classes.

With no additional business, the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Mark led a closing prayer.