

## Men's Society Meeting notes from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

The St. Nicholas Men's Society meeting was called to order by President Dave Stang. 11 members were present.

Past meeting notes were read by Paul Ludwig, accepted by Mike Kuechle 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee Bautch

Treasurer's report end balance is \$573.61 accepted by Lee Bautch 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kuechle

OLD BUSINESS: in meeting with Shirley Lutgen, implied easement for her driveway is acceptable, issue is closed. Cemetery survey is completed, cost is about \$800.00. About ½ acre area is outside of the current fence. Trees in the back corner are ok and will be left in place. Question was asked who owns the St Nicholas property the diocese or the parish. The parish owns it. Some cemetery fence is bent from county snowplows, we have new pipe from the county, the cemetery committee is painting and replacing it. We have about \$28000.00 in the cemetery endowment fund.

NEW BUSINESS: parish and cemetery lawn has been cut the last 18 years by Lee Bautch and family. They are looking for someone else to do cutting starting this summer. Al Lutgen and Vern Hennen have been cutting the lawn north of the church. Lee said it takes about 8 hours to cut and trim both areas. February 26<sup>th</sup> some council members attended a meeting with the bishop in Paynesville to discuss the diocese appeal drive. Currently 21% of parishes meeting their set donation goal. Also discussed if any future parishes will close. The bishop's response was his goal is not to close parishes but to fill pews. The men's society will write our mission statement at our next meeting. We discussed pro's and con's to sending out donation envelopes. A study says donations increase if they are sent out as we currently do, vs picking up in the back of church as in the past.

Sick members: none

Motion made to close meeting by Lee Bautch 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kuechle

Closing prayers were said and a lunch followed.