

**St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting
March 16, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Landwehr. Prayer was said by Father Tom.

Members: Father Tom Olson, Robert Kraemer, Marion Frank, Vicki Landwehr, Mary Caskey, John Schutz, Dave Stang, Paul Ludwig and Angie Spitzley. Excused: Mike Kuechle, Absent: Anita Neu, Guest: Travis Hansen

Routine Matters: A motion was made by Mary Caskey and seconded by Robert Kraemer to approve minutes from January 19, 2015. Motion passed. The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Paul Ludwig and seconded by Dave Stang.

Old Business:

Parish Dinner: Ninety-seven parishioners have signed up for the parish dinner on March 22nd. Thank you for attending this annual event.

Day to Day Boiler Overseer: During the heating season, each day someone needs to come in to check the boiler. Ken Lutgen has instructed Paul Ludwig on this day to day boiler operation. Thank you Ken for the many years of this daily service, and thank you Paul for taking over the responsibility.

Lawn Care Maintenance Position: After eighteen years of cutting the cemetery and parish grounds lawn, Lee Bautch has left the position for someone else. Thank you Lee for always having our grounds so well-manicured. It takes approximately seven to eight hours each cutting, this includes trimming. There will be a posting for this position in the parish bulletin.

New Business:

St. Nicholas Athletic Association: Travis Hansen was present to give us information on the insurance coverage for the St. Nicholas Baseball Park. There is a two million dollar coverage, one million on property and one million on personal. He will be providing the parish with a copy of the policy. Also, yearly, a sample of water from the park is tested and the report came back the water is okay.

Cement Near Sacristy Entrance: There was a lot of ice this winter near the sacristy entrance, because of the use of salt the cement is peeling. The maintenance committee will be meeting soon to check into it.

Cana Dinner: The Cana Dinner is on April 11th at Powder Ridge Event Center after St. Anne's 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets are \$40.00/couple and \$20/ single. Vicki Landwehr will be selling tickets after 7:30 Mass on March 21st Paul Ludwig after 10:00 Mass on March 22nd, Dave and Annette Stang after March 28th Mass, Mary Caskey after 10:00 Mass on March 29th.

Reports:

Financial Report: The report was given by Father Tom.

January, 2015	Total Income \$9,466.38	Total Expenses: \$10,582.91	Net Income: -\$1,793.53
February, 2015	Total income \$8,402.84	Total Expenses: \$6,636.35	Net Income: \$1,766.49

The financial reports were approved by Dave Stang and seconded by Paul Ludwig.

Christian Women and Men's Society: There was nothing new to report from the Christian Women or Men's Society.

Pastor's Comments: The parish now has a legal document regarding the St. Nicholas Cemetery land. It is also recorded with the state. Father Tom, Mike Kuechle and Mary Caskey attended a meeting in Paynesville which included Bishop Kettler and members of other parishes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to have better participation from parishes to the Diocesan Appeal Drive. Twenty-nine percent of our parishioners participated in this collection.

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Maintenance Committee Report
- B. Parish Picnic in August

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30

Motion was made by Paul Ludwig and seconded by John Schutz to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed with a prayer by Father Tom.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Frank