

**St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting
January 18, 2016**

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

Members: Father Tom Olson, Robert Kraemer, Marion Frank, Mike Kuechle, Paul Ludwig, Anita Neu, Mary Caskey, Angie Spitzley, Roger Utecht, Sandy Stang and Lee Bautch. Welcome to the new members of the council Sandy Stang and Roger Utecht. We extend a huge thank you to Vicki Landwehr and John Schutz for serving on the council the last three years.

Routine Matters: A motion was made by Mike Kuechle and seconded by Robert Kraemer to approve November 2, 2015 minutes. Motion passed. The meeting agenda was approved and passed by the council members.

Old Business: No old business to report.

New Business:

Annual Appreciation Dinner: The annual parish appreciation dinner will be April 10th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Elections of Officers: Mike Kuechle made a motion to elect Paul Ludwig for president; Robert Kraemer seconded the motion. Mary Caskey made a motion and seconded by Paul Ludwig for Robert Kraemer as vice-president. Marion Frank was assigned by the council to be secretary.

Cana Dinner: The second Annual Cana Dinner will be Saturday, April 2nd at Powder Ridge in Kimball following 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anne. The cost of dinner and dessert is \$20.00 or \$40.00 per couple. The committee is asking help with selling tickets after both Masses, making name tags and setting up tables the day before. Please contact Kathy Roos at 320-398-3006 if you are able to help.

Calendar: Stearns County Household Hazardous Waste pickup will be on Wednesday, August 24th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the parking lot.

Reports:

Financial Report: The report was given by Father Tom.

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| November, 2015 | Total Income | \$14,090.20 | Total Expenses: | \$6,927.09 | Net Income: | \$7,163.11 |
| December, 2015 | Total Income | \$24,576.69 | Total Expenses: | \$9,493.48 | Net Income: | \$14,178.21 |

The financial reports were approved by Anita Neu and seconded by Lee Bautch.

Christian Women: The Cold Spring Diocesan Deanery of Christian Women annual meeting day will be February 27th at St. Peter and Paul in Richmond. Registration starts at 8:30 with a light breakfast and Mass at 9:15 with Father Wagner.

Men's Society: The men are willing to help with the repairs on the cemetery. Again they will lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent except on Wednesdays March 2nd and March 9th. Father will be having confession, therefore Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesday, March 1st and March 8th.

Cemetery Committee: Anita Neu reported in spring they will be looking into repairing the cross and statue foundation and steps. They are also planning on expanding the fence line, seeding grass and planting shrubs.

Pastor's Comments: Friday March 4th will be a Diocesan Wide Day of Confession. Our Deanery Day of Confession will be held at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Father Tom reported on the parishioner's contribution for this past year. We have 166 envelope holders, of those 23 gave \$0; \$1 to \$100 – 26; \$100-\$200 – 17; \$200-\$300 – 10; \$300-\$400 – 9; \$400-\$500 – 12; \$500-\$600 – 10; \$600-700 – 7; \$700-\$800 – 4; \$800-\$900 – 4; \$900-1000 – 7; \$1000 - \$2000 – 24; \$2000-\$3000 – 7; \$3000-\$4000 – 4; \$4000 plus - 2

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Appreciation Dinner
- B. Cana Dinner
- C. **Next Meeting Date:** March 14, 2016 at 7:30.

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

Respectfully submitted by Marion Frank