

**St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting
March 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Ludwig. 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 Dave Stang.

Routine Matters: A motion was made by Mary Caskey and seconded by Mike Kuechle to approve the January 18, 2016 minutes. Motion passed. The meeting agenda was approved by Mike Kuechle and seconded by Dave Stang.

Old Business:

Annual Parish Dinner: A sign-up sheet will be in the back of church starting this weekend. It will be on April 10th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan to attend.

Cana Dinner: Paul Ludwig will be selling tickets for the Cana Dinner after each weekend Mass. The Cana Dinner will be Saturday, April 2nd at Powder Ridge in Kimball following the 5:00 p.m. St. Anne's Mass.

New Business:

Roulette Wheel: The roulette wheel that has been stored in our church basement and not used for many, many years has a new home, the Hilltop Care Center in Watkins. Their staff will be repairing it and will use it to bring enjoyment to their residents. If we should ever need it in the future we will be able to borrow it.

Street Lights: Our parish has two street lights on our property and Luxemburg Township has four. It was discussed putting up a Cobra LED street light or maybe replacing the amber bulb with a brighter one. The parish office contacted Excel Energy to find out which lights we were being charged for it was not clear how many, therefore Excel will be contacted again.

Parking Lot Lines: Don Kuechle, with the help of Robert Kraemer, will be painting lines in the parking lot as soon as the weather warms up.

Stain Glass Windows: It was reported some of the church's beautiful stain glass windows are sagging and in need of new caulking. The maintenance committee will be looking into this and contacting someone to repair the windows. Terhaar Stain Glass of Cold Spring was suggested to check into doing the repairs. Mike Kuechle motion and seconded by Dave Stang to go ahead with the fixing the windows.

Divine Mercy Picture: Paul Ludwig and other parish members suggested the parish purchasing a Divine Mercy picture. They are looking at a 24x36 picture and it would be hung over the doorway before you enter the entryway as you leave the church. The council is in favor of purchasing one and asked Paul to bring three options of picture sizes to the May meeting.

Fire: Father Tom and the council decided our parish would purchase a priest vestment for St. Mary's Parish in Melrose. Father Tom will be doing the purchasing.

Reports:

Financial Report: The report was given by Father Tom.

January, 2016	Total Income	\$10,025.16	Total Expenses:	\$8,480.28	Net Income:	\$1,544.88
February, 2016	Total Income	\$9,303.25	Total Expenses:	\$14,843.16	Net Income:	\$-5,824.91

The financial reports were approved by Paul Ludwig and seconded by Anita Neu.

Christian Women: No report

Men's Society: They are still perusing on replacing the Stations of the Cross. Paul Ludwig and Dave Stang are planning on visiting area churches and contacting Tom Mathies if he knew where to view or get pricing on new Stations of the Cross.

Pastor's Comments: Father Tom reported on our church insurance rates. In the last five years our rates have decreased from \$11,451.00 to \$8,256.00 and projected to decrease again next year.

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Divine Mercy Picture
- B. Maintenance Committee
- C. Security System

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:30.

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

Respectfully submitted by Marion Frank