

**St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting
September 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Ludwig. Prayer was said by Father Tom and the council members.

Members: Father Tom Olson, Robert Kraemer, Marion Frank, Mike Kuechle, Paul Ludwig, Angie Spitzley, Sandy Stang, Roger Utecht, excused: Anita Neu Mary Caskey, absent: Dave Stang

Routine Matters: A motion was made by Mike Kuechle and seconded by Sandy Stang to approve the July 20, 2016 minutes and meeting agenda. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Security System Update: The security system will again be implemented in the near future.

Fuel Contract: Mike Kuechle made a motion to sign the fuel contract for 6500 gallons of fuel with Jack's Oil Inc. for the upcoming heating season, it was seconded by Roger Utecht. Motion passed.

Snow Removal: Robert Kraemer again will be doing the snow removal of the parking lot and sidewalks.

New Business:

Planting New Trees: The Men's Society ask for approval to plant three new maple trees in the front yard of the parish house. Mike made the motion to approve and was seconded by Angie Spitzley. Motion passed.

Stations of the Cross: Paul Ludwig did some research on finding new Stations of the Cross for our church. He showed us a picture of some, a decision will be made at the November meeting.

Maintenance on the Sidewalks: There are a few places on the sidewalks that are uneven/higher, it is a hazard. The council agreed to have Robert Kraemer grind down those uneven spots.

Tuckpointing: Father Tom presented a bid from Kostreba Tuckpointing and Roofing, these prices will be honored thru next spring. Motion was made by Robert Kraemer and seconded by Mike Kuechle to have the following done in October weather permitting. The front steps area which includes removal and replacing all cracked and deteriorated brick for \$3,240.00 and spotpoint various areas on the entire church for \$6,875.00. The north and south steps repairs will be looked into next spring.

Reports:

Financial Report: The report was given by Father Tom.

July, 2016	Total Income	\$8,142.83	Total Expenses: \$16,294.11	Net Income: -\$8,151.28
August, 2016	Total Income	\$10,694.63	Total Expenses: \$9,704.65	Net Income: \$988.98

The financial reports were approved by Robert Kraemer and seconded by Angie Spitzley.

Christian Women: Many members of our parish groups are 70 plus age and are not obliged to work if they no longer want to. At the meeting it was suggested to consolidate the five parish groups to four groups. This will be done before fall 2017.

Men's Society: See Stations of the Cross and planting of trees above in new business.

Religious Education: Brenda Kraemer was present to give us information regarding Religious Ed. First class will be Wednesday, October 5th, because Father Tom will not be here to offer Mass, they will begin with the Living Rosary. The second grade students will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Anne's on December 10th. First Holy Communion for the second graders will be on March 26th at the 10:00 Mass in St. Nicholas. Confirmation retreat for students in grades tenth and eleventh will be at St. Anne's on Sunday, January 8th, Confirmation on Sunday, May 21st at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

Pastor's Comments: Father Tom will be attending the Diocesan Retreat in Alexandria from October 2nd – October 6th.

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Election of new council members
- B. Security System Update
- C. Station of the Cross decision
- D. Report on trees
- E. Tuckpointing update

Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 21' 2016 at 7:30

Motion was made Roger Utecht and seconded by Sandy Stang to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed with a prayer by Father Tom and council members.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Frank