

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, January 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Brenda Kraemer. Prayer was said by the council members.

Members present: Fr. James Statz, Mike Kuechle, Sue Stommes, Sandy Stang, Anita Neu, Mary Caskey, Kelly Bautch, Dave Stang, Elmer Frank. Absent/Excused: Roger Utecht and Don Dufner

Routine Matters: Mike Kuechle made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting and Anita seconded it. Dave Stang made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting after adding two additional items and Sue Stommes seconded it.

Old Business: Parish Council elections took place in December with Kelly Bautch and Elmer Frank being elected as new members to the council. Welcome to both of them! The Council wishes to thank Angie Spitzley and Paul Ludwig for serving their term on the council.

New Business: Election of officers for the council took place. Don Dufner was elected President and Sandy Stang was elected Secretary. Our annual parish dinner will take place on Sunday, April 15, 2018. This dinner is for all parishioners. It is a great time for socializing and fellowship with the members of our church. Please make an effort to attend this year if you haven't in the past! The county will pick up Household Hazardous Waste in the parking lot of the church on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 from 9-11. The lights in the sanctuary are burning out frequently. It was decided to replace them with LED lights. Discussion took place in regards to the Mass time on Christmas Eve. It was decided to have the Mass in St. Nicholas on Christmas Eve at 7:30pm.

Reports:

Financial Report:

November, 2017: Total income= \$12,071.42 Total expenses= \$5,069.74 Net income= \$ 7,001.68

December, 2017: Total income= \$19,944.75 Total Expenses= \$ 11,429.93 Net Income= -\$8,514.82

Sue approved the financial report and Mike seconded it.

Maintenance Committee: There was a furnace issue recently. This is being checked into.

Christian Women: No report

Men's Society: will be doing the Stations of the Cross during Lent on every Wednesday with the exception of March 6th and 13th when they will be on Tuesday those weeks.

Cemetery Committee: the roof of the chapel at Old St. Nick Cemetery will be repaired by Bruce Walz. The bid for the repairs to the cemetery have come in. This will be to fix the cross and cement and granite replacement. They will start in spring and hope to complete by the summer.

Religious Education- 1st reconciliation took place at St. Anne's on 12/9/17. There will be a spaghetti supper for Widows and Widowers on Feb. 7th. This is a great inter-generational program!

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Statz introduced the idea of a chaplet rosary for a Lenten project for our parish. The crucifixes were blessed by the Holy Father. They can be purchased and the money will go to the religious ed. program. More on this to come in the bulletin.

Future agenda items: Annual parish dinner
Cemetery project
Annual parish clean-up

Next meeting date: Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Motion was made by Elmer to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Sue. The meeting was closed with a prayer by the Council Members

Submitted by Sandy Stang, Secretary