

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Fr. Statz opened with a prayer.

Routine Matters: Roll call was taken. Judi Schreiner, Kelly Bautch, Anita Neu, Elmer Frank, Tom Frank, Denise Gathje, Jerry Boeckman, Mary Caskey, Ken Lutgen, and Parish Secretary Brenda Kraemer were present. Excused from the meeting was Dave Stang. A motion was made by Elmer Frank, seconded by Ken Lutgen to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried. A motion was made by Anita Neu, seconded by Denise Gathje to accept the agenda with the addition of offering the Parish House to the new DFF. Motion carried.

Old business:

Ken Lutgen contacted Ron Hennen regarding the lighting in the sanctuary. Ron made suggestions. Strip (or track) lighting on each side of the altar would be a good fit for the area. A six foot strip on each side with 4 sets of lights on each strip has been proposed. They would be LED lights. The cost of the lights would be approximately \$700.00 plus labor to install. New lights in the Church proper will also be done. These lights will use much less energy than the current lights and be brighter. A motion was made by Elmer Frank and seconded by Jerry Boeckman to go ahead with this project. Motion carried.

New business:

The painting and the work on the chimney is completed. The brink tuck-pointing in several areas still needs to be done. Ken will look into that.

Reports:

Financial Reports: July income: \$5680.12 Expenses: \$16,707.42 = -\$11,027.42. August income: \$9,145.09 expenses: \$4208.37 = \$4936.72. The Parish annual financial report has been approved by the trustees.

Holy Saints update: The new logo will be announced on Sept 28. A new Religious Education Director has been hired. It was discussed to offer the Parish House here at St. Nicholas as an option to the new DFF. A motion was made by Mary Caskey and seconded by Anita Neu to offer the parish house as an option for living arrangements with some conditions to the new DFF and her husband. Motion passed.

Parish Secretary: The parish is in need of a new computer. Brenda will look into what to get. The pictorial directory has been put on hold by the company. Brenda has ordered the pixes for the communion distribution to the people that are not yet coming back to church.

Men's Society: There was no report.

Cemetery Committee: There was no report.

Maintenance committee: The committee decided not to treat the ash trees yet. The painting of the louvers and chimney work has just been completed.

Religious Education: We will have Confirmation here on Tuesday, October 27. There are 26 students to be confirmed from Holy Saints Area Catholic Community.

Christian Women: The chair persons will remain the same as last year. We won't be hosting any breakfasts. The annual church cleaning will be done on October 22 and 24.

Fathers comments : He thinks things will work out good with Fr. Crain. The job done on the outside of the Church looks very good. He also praised the people taking care of the cemetery and Chapel. They look wonderful.

Future agenda items: Snow removal

Next meeting date November 10th at 7 pm. A motion was made by Elmer Frank and seconded by Tom Frank to adjourn the meeting. Father closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Judi Schreiner, secretary