

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Dufner. Prayer was said by the council members.

Members present: Fr. James Statz, Mike Kuechle, Sue Stommes, Sandy Stang, Mary Caskey, Kelly Bautch, Elmer Frank, and Don Dufner. Guests: Doug Caskey, Ken Lutgen and Brenda Kraemer. Absent: Roger Utecht, Anita Neu, and Dave Stang.

Correction to last month's minutes. The net income for December, 2017 was +\$8,514.82 not -\$8,514.82. Sue approved the minutes and Elmer seconded it.

The agenda for the meeting was approved by Mary and seconded by Mike.

Old Business: The parish dinner will be on Sunday, April 15th at noon. Please plan on attending this event even if you have never come before. All parishners are invited. Ken and Doug gave an update to our cemetery project. We hope to start this in early spring. The project will involve removing the unsafe granite in the center of the cemetery and replacing it with exposed aggregate and granite. The original cross will remain. This project will cost approximately < \$25,000.00 to remove the old and replace it with a much safer area. Mike made a motion to move forward with this and Sue seconded it.

New Business: Mike, Mary, Brenda and Fr. Statz attended the Bishop's meeting on the diocese filing for bankruptcy. We have been told that our money in the diocese's savings and loan pool is safe. It was agreed on that our Parish would participate in helping the victims of the Diocese, as this would also give our parish protection against future claims from this time period. The issue of the terms of trustees was brought up. It was decided to keep our current trustees at this time. Mike and Mary are our Trustees.

Someone brought up if we should look at a maintenance person for the parish. After discussion, it was decided to continue with our maintenance committee that takes on projects as they occur and have that person participate with the committee. They meet each spring with the priest and walk around and look at what needs to be repaired that year. These items are then prioritized according to need.

Reports: Financial Report:

January, 2018 Total income= \$13,571.77 Total expenses= \$11,522.95 Net income= \$ 2,048.82

February, 2018 Total income= \$7,702.80 Total Expenses= \$ 16,239.98 Net Income= - \$9,302.18

Sue approved the financial report and Mike seconded it.

Maintenance Committee: No report

Christian Women: No report

Men's Society: No report

Cemetery Committee: See above note

Religious Education- The sweetheart dinner for widows and widowers was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and talents. 1st communion took place on 3/11/18 with 3 1st communicants. Congratulations to them. April 8th will be confirmation at St. Boniface. There are 7 students making their confirmation.

Future agenda items: Athletic Association and the ball park

Next meeting date: Monday, May 14, 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