

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting Monday, May 14th, 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, Anita Neu, Dave Stang, Don Dufner and guests Brenda Kraemer and Travis Hansen. Excused: Elmer Frank and Kelly Bautch. Absent: Roger Utecht.

Dave approved the minutes from our March meeting and Sue seconded it.

The agenda for the meeting was approved by Dave and seconded by Sue.

Old Business: The parish dinner was held on Sunday, April 15th at noon. Despite the weather not cooperating, we had a good turnout! This is always a great community event and was enjoyed by all who attended. The bishop has sent a letter to the parishes in the diocese to encourage them to participate in retaining legal representation regarding the bankruptcy lawsuits that may be coming. St. Nicholas Parish is participating in this.

New Business: Travis Hansen came to the meeting to give an update from the St. Nicholas Athletic Association. All insurances for the ball park are up to date. He has the appropriate liquor liability insurance and general liability insurance as well. The well water has been tested for this year and this is done annually. The liquor license is through Stearns County.

Fr. Statz has requested the parish purchase a Rose-colored vestment that would be used for a few occasions during the liturgical year. We are checking to see if we already have one from when Fr. Tom was here.

The parish house will be cleaned soon. The attic has bats in it that will need extermination. Mike will check into this further. Rita S. and Eileen H. will coordinate the cleaning of the house and ask for help if needed.

The water softener in the Parish house seems to be using a lot of salt. Brenda will monitor this for a while to see how much we are using per month.

Financial Report: March, 2018 Total income= \$10,125.50 Total expenses= \$9,168.33 Net income= \$ 957.17
April, 2018 Total income= \$16,235.79 Total Expenses= \$ 11,714.77 Net Income= - \$4,521.02

Dave approved the financial report and Anita seconded it.

Maintenance Committee: No report

Christian Women: The new groups are working out well. June 14th there will be a Food, Fun, and Fund meeting in Paynesville at St. Louis Catholic Church with all the deaneries.

Men's Society: No report

Cemetery Committee: Demolition of the cement under the cross on the cemetery started today. The new concrete will be poured, hopefully, the end of this week or beginning of next week. While removing the statues, 1 broke that was already cracked. Some people are asking about the old statues and what will be done with them. We will be having a silent auction for those in the future. The St. Michael Statue will stay.

Religious Education: April 8th was confirmation at St. Boniface. There were 7 students confirmed. Religious education classes are done for this year. Brenda is reviewing the curriculum for next year.

Pastor's comments: Fr. Statz asked that the parishners be patient with him as sometimes he has difficulty with tasks due to his stroke. He will continue to plug along.

Future agenda items:

1. Extermination of bats in attic of Parish house
2. Mass at Old St. Nicholas Chapel
3. Parish house water softener
4. Cemetery project

Next meeting date: Monday, July 9th, 2018 at 7:30pm.

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

Submitted by Sandy Stang, Secretary