

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Dufner. Prayer was said by the council members. Members present: Fr. James Statz, Sue Stommes, Ken Lutgen, Don Dufner, Kelly Bautch, and Sandy Stang and Parish Secretary Brenda Kraemer. Excused: Dave Stang, Elmer Frank, and Mary Caskey. Absent: Anita Neu, and Roger Utecht.

Sue approved the Minutes from our July meeting and Ken seconded it. Ken approved the agenda for the September meeting with one addition of Elementary Grade School Subsidy under New Business. Kelly seconded it.

**Old Business:** A. Vestment: The council has researched options for a rose colored vestment. We were able to find one at a reasonable cost. If we can't get one made for close to the purchase price, we will order the one found online.  
B. Cemetery Project: This project is complete. We have raised over ½ of the total cost with donations from parishioners. Thank you to all who donated. If anyone would like to still donate, please contact Dave Stang. There will be a blessing and reception after the 8 am Mass on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cemetery committee will look into the shrubs at the cemetery and what should be done with those in the future.  
C. Salaries for employees for 2018-2019: The secretary, organists, and church cleaner wages were discussed. All of these employees make considerable less than other parishes our size. It was decided to raise those wages to a just wage. Ken Lutgen made a motion to approve this and Sue seconded it.

**New Business:** A. Snow removal for 2018-2019 season: Al Lutgen and Ken will take care of clearing the parking lot this winter season. We have a committee of volunteers to clean the sidewalks and steps of the church for mass. This worked well last winter. A group text will be sent to let people know when the shoveling will take place. If you are interested in being in this group, please contact Brenda with your cell number.  
B. The church's sound system was discussed. There is still difficulty hearing Fr. Statz at times. We are checking with the diocese to see if they can recommend someone to check this out.  
C. Elementary Catholic School Subsidy: It was decided that the parish will assist with some of the subsidy for a family that is sending their child to St. Boniface School.

**Reports:** A. Financial Report:

July Income= \$11,326.96	July Expenses= \$ 21,955.33	July Net Income= \$ -10,628.37
August Income= \$7,617.50	August Expenses= \$4,965.20	August Net Income= \$2,652.30

B. Maintenance: A list of needed repairs is in the back of the church. The lights at the Old St. Nick Chapel and in the front of the church were fixed. If anyone can help with any of the items listed in the back of the church, let Ken Lutgen know.  
C. Christian Women: new group leaders have been notified. The dates for the breakfasts have been set. The committee will meet once a year.  
D. Men's Society: will meet once a year now.  
E. Religious Ed: The schedule has been set. Classes start 10/3/18. There will be a Halloween party on 10/31/18. There will be a Living rosary in October. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Confirmation will be April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at St. Boniface Church. There will be a Christmas Eve program at St. Nicholas this year. RE is still in need of 2 more teachers for teaching our students. If interested, let Brenda know.

Pastor's comments: Fr. James thanked the council for all they do for our parish.

Future Agenda items: vestment

Next meeting: Date to be determined in November

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Stang, Secretary