

Parish Council Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021

Fr. Statz opened the meeting with a prayer.

Routine Matters: Roll Call was taken. Present were: Denise Gathje, Josie Stang, Ken Lutgen, Dave Stang, Paul Ludwig, Father Statz, and Parish Secretary Brenda Kraemer. Excused were: Mary Caskey, Anita Neu, Judi Schreiner, and Tom Frank. A motion was made by Josie Stang and seconded by Paul Ludwig to approve the minutes as presented from the July 19, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dave Stang and seconded by Ken Lutgen to approve the agenda with the addition of statue restorations. Motion carried.

New Business: Mary Caskey had information that she gathered on repairing the baptismal font and the Sacred Heart statues. Mary has been in contact with a few local people to get quotes. A motion was made by Dave Stang and seconded by Paul Ludwig to approve a budget of up to \$1,000 to have the statues repainted and/or repaired. Motion carried.

Old Business: The council discussed the homework assignment given by President Denise Gathje. The assignment consisted of looking at Gen Z and thinking about ways to make them feel like part of the ACC community. Gen Z children were born between 1997 and 2010. Some of the ideas brought to the table include: adding a recycle box in church, have them involved in making a bee garden, have a breakfast hosted by this group, have this group run a Christmas pageant, having a mentor show them the ways – specifically while cleaning headstone, invite them specifically to help with the projects that we already do here at SN, include them in religious education to come back and help. The family visits that Fr. Statz was going to do for the year of St. Joseph have been put on hold again due to Father will be in another play. His spare time will be filled. It will happen eventually. Anita Neu sent an update on the pictorial directory. It is being worked on and the last minute items are being taken care of. A Religious Education update was given. At this time, there have been 20 students that have registered for classes. There may be a few more that register right before or at the parent meeting that will be held on September 15th. St. Nicholas will be paying the \$30 registration fee for each student. Dave Stang talked about the plan from the ACC to have each parish help pay for the expenses of running the Holy Cross School building. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Ken to approve \$1,200 per year to be paid for this purpose.

Reports

Financial: July income: \$7,141.07. July expenses: \$14,870.35. Net income: -\$7,729.28

August income: \$12,720.95. August expenses: \$6,142.92. Net income: \$6,578.03. A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Josie to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried. The annual financial report sent to the Diocese of St. Cloud was also discussed.

ACC: Dave Stang reported that the next meeting will be Monday, September 20th at SMHOC. They will be discussing a 2 year alternating position to the ACC board. They would like to get younger parishioners involved.

Parish Secretary: Brenda brought information about Jeff & Tracy Lutgen's cleaning schedule and hours they have worked. Our parish is due for our Parish Audit. Everything will need to be uploaded and the auditors work from their location instead of coming to each site. Questions were asked about Fr. Erik's salary that were answered.

Cemetery: The trees are all planted and grass seed is being done.

Maintenance: The new water line is installed and will be connected shortly. Ken has the paint to paint the parking lot lines. The poster at the back of church still has several jobs on it that need to be done.

Christian Women: no report, except for the Parish Directory information above.

Men's Society: Men's Society will meet late October or early November.

Religious Education: Currently, there are 113 families from the ACC registered with a total of 195 students. The Parent Meeting will be held on September 15 at HC with the first class to be on October 6th. The 2 weeks in between will be used to get the teachers up to date with safe environment, background checks as needed and familiar with the curriculum.

Pastor's Comments: Father spoke about his retirement plans and thanked our parish for all that we do here and at SA.

Future Agenda items: Repair of the sidewalk in front of the steps going into Church and the stair pillars.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 8th at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Paul to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Brenda Kraemer