

St. John the Baptist Parish Council

Notes of meeting of April 28, 2014

The meeting was held in the Parish Center. Attending were Father Kerry Prendiville, Joe Uhrich (KC and Building/Maintenance Committee Representative), John Dvorak (Religious Education Committee Rep.), Donna Hafner (Arts and Environment and Women of St. John Rep.) Mary Krogman (Vice Council Chair), Brenda Oster (Finance Committee Rep.), Amy Miklos (Young Adult Rep.), Ed Fischer (Council Chair) and Finny (Pat) Sechser (meeting scribe). The meeting began at 1810 with a prayer led by Ed.

Correction to the minutes of March 17, 2014 to show that Jim Brickey visited with our insurance agent regarding use of the garage.

OLD BUSINESS: Mary shared her concern over the thermostat setting being too high in the Parish Center. Dorothy Vershure offered to be part of a committee to help weatherize the Parish Center with lined curtains. Conversation about having windows coated on the inside to reflect the sun and or a programmable thermostat were put on hold until Joe talks with Father Kerry about the outcome of the heating and air conditioning consultants report.

Mary reviewed **preliminary information about the electricity bills**. She will plan to obtain bills back to 2010 for consumption/ kilowatt hours use in the church including the garage, take those reports to Karen Thomsen who will review them with Joe for an analysis of energy use.

Regarding a **church directory** – plan to review again in the fall. The current church photographer is Terry Wakeland who will be asked to obtain photos of new families which would be posted on the bulletin board where you enter the church by the front door. On the second Sunday of September the KC's will have a pancake breakfast where new parishioners will be invited to eat free and can be introduced to the participants at the breakfast. A recommendation was made that all parishioners should wear their nametags at breakfasts.

John reported on his interchanges with Knight Security and his plan to obtain a 65 inch TV for around \$1000 to be mounted on the west wall of the church basement with a ~\$600 camera and hard drive for the front of the church so Mass can be televised to the over flow attendees during summer Masses of high volume. Bill Chamberlain had offered financial assistance in the past. Motion by Mary with a second by Amy that John present his plan to the finance committee which will meet on May 13. Motion carried. John is willing to install the equipment himself.

Recognition event: a proposal was made to show appreciation for all parishioners who have worked on projects or assisted at church. Discussion followed and agreement was reached to have a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on 5/19/14 @ 1800 in the courtyard. The KC's will provide and cook hot dogs and burgers with the remainder of the food to be potluck. A cake will be purchased by Finny. John will locate and bring plates, napkins, etc. Nametags are encouraged.

Concrete work in front of the church is done and looks terrific. The crosswalk needs to be move to support ADA accessibility.

Garage occupant: Father Kerry will talk with him sharing the plan of departure by 8/1/14. The insurance company has requested a note (indemnity form) stating the church and the diocese have no liability. Father will

review the previously received paperwork.

Heating and air conditioning status: Father Kerry will talk with our consultant Mike Muller about the time line for a programmable thermostat, the furnace and air conditioning units. The names of Dallas Caylor who does heating and Neal Witt who did the wiring for heating and air conditioning in the Parish Center were shared.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building and Maintenance – Joe visited with Jim Brickey who has concerns that the rectory steps are wearing, suggests widening the sidewalk, making the steps wider and adding a cap above the west rock wall. Agreement reached that the estimate will be sent to the Finance committee then to the Parish Council via email and a vote will be done via email. Donna will re-paint the orange stripe to alert people to the steps.

A parish work day will be held on 5/10/14 @ 0900 to complete some outdoor projects that were initiated and incomplete such as painting the crosswalk, cleaning gutters, landscaping in front of the parish center, finishing the deck and cut rails and stain the fence.

Ordination of Jonathan Dillon is 6/19/14 with his chalice funded by his family and his parish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Knights of Columbus have no summer meetings after May. Pancake breakfasts will resume in September. Please be respectful of supplies of the Knights.

Women of St. John: New leadership has been established with Jan Skott and Donna Hafner as co-chairs. A calendar of events is being coordinated.

Finance Committee by Brenda Oster the loan amount is ~\$11,000. The budget will be done in May.

Young Adults by Amy Miklos requested a list of Parish Council members and responsibilities be published in the bulletin – Ed has approved and Finny will email to Karen Thomsen.

Religious Education by John – shared thanks to all who helped make the Easter vigil and Divine Mercy wonderful events. Deacon Pat Coy has been assigned to Custer.

Liturgy by Ed – congratulations to the Arts and Environment committee on helping the church look beautiful for the Easter celebration.

Motion by Joe with a second by Brenda for adjournment.

Next meeting 6/16/14 @ 1800 at the Parish Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Finny (Pat) Sechser, scribe