

St. John the Baptist Parish Council

Notes of meeting of August 18, 2014

The meeting was held in the Parish Center. Attending were Father Kerry Prendiville, John Dvorak (Religious Education Committee Rep.), Donna Hafner (Arts and Environment and Women of St. John Rep) Brenda Oster (Finance Committee Rep.), Amy Miklos (Young Adult Rep.) Ed Fischer (Council Chair) and Finny (Pat) Sechser (meeting scribe). The meeting began at 1805 with a prayer led by Father Kerry.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Amy with a second by Brenda to approve the minutes from June 23, 2014 meeting. Unanimous approval.

Final Budget that was approved was signed by Father Kerry, Chairman Ed and Finance Rep. Brenda. Ed shared that Jim Brickey has been investigating estimates for heating and cooling including cove heating and heat pumps. Since neither Jim Brickey nor Joe Uhrich were present the discussion on heating and cooling options and feasibility in the church and the center was deferred till next meeting.

Father Kerry has not heard back from our consultants and will contact them again. Conversations about improper hook ups, number of furnaces needed and efficiency of all devices was held. The rust areas on the church name have been removed with sanding, painting and sealing by Bill Wakeland. Landscaping for the Parish Center is being coordinated by Cindy Wiedenbach and Father will check with her on the status of plans. A water fountain was donated by a parishioner and the thank you has appeared in the bulletin. The Wakelands have volunteered to re-cover the kneelers and will be asked to re-do the cushions in the front pews after their estimates are reviewed.

Conversation about our Five Year Capital Plan showed that priorities were asphalt or chip sealing the parking lot and heating/cooling for the Parish Center and the Church. Ed shared a map of the parking lot boundaries and identified boundary pins.

John reported that the installed TV in the church basement will be returned so Religious Ed. can use it for classes that begin with the start of school. Brenda wondered about the receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart or the Knights of Columbus funding a separate TV to be kept in the church basement permanently for Mass overflow. There was no resolution on this.

Father Kerry shared that the garage is no longer being used by the woodworker, most of the wood and equipment has been moved out and offered the upstairs for use by the Scouts. Ed will check with the Scouts.

Brenda suggested purchasing a small metal cupboard to store inside the garage for best safety of the lawn mower fuel rather than adding a storage unit to the grounds.

Conversation without conclusion about another parish work day.

NEW BUSINESS: Religious Education will resume shortly. Life Teen (grades 7-12) starts 8/27, and meets each Wednesday evening. K thru six starts September 3 and meets monthly on the first Wednesday. The September meeting will focus on safe environment education. Adult education will begin on September 3 with a presentation on information about teaching/ cheerleading with a plan to have parents do up to three lessons at home.

Liturgy Committee is in need of a new chair with the resignation of Kate Ryan. Thank you Kate for your years of dedication to this committee. Father was given the name of Mariann Slavik as a good suggestion for leadership. Cheri Block is the new chair of the lectors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Women of St. John's (WSJ) and A and E by Donna- WSJ pig roast raised around \$2800 with a noticeably smaller crowd; the last bake sale raised around \$300. Donna asked about framing pictures that had been purchased for the rectory and Parish Center. Father will ask Karen Pinkerton to get estimates. The next bake sale will be Labor Day weekend.

Young Adults by Amy- no action.

Religious Education Father shared that RCIA and adult confirmation are looking for people who want to join or re-join the Church. This team is being formed by Deacon Pat and Fran Coy for teaching. Personal contact is a priority as well as using the catechism. Father believes class teachings will be from Symbolon which is sold thru Lighthouse Media.

A Stewardship Committee is forming at the direction of the Diocese, with a focus on training for hospitality. The chair is Sandra McNeely and members are Craig Bobzien, Rose Wendell, Donnie Weiandt, Cathy Brickey and Phyllis Wheeler. They, along with the Parish Council will create a Parish Mission Statement. Ed offered to be the liaison to this ongoing committee.

Liturgy seeking new chairperson.

Motion by Amy with a second by John for adjournment.

Next meeting 9/22/14 @ 1800 in the Parish Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Finny (Pat) Sechser, scribe