

St. John the Baptist Parish Council

Notes of meeting of March 16, 2015

The meeting was held in the Parish Center. Attending was Noah Lierer, as guest of his grandfather, Jim Brickey. Committee members present were Father Kerry Prendiville, Ed Fischer (Council Chair), Mary Krogman (Vice Chair), Joe Uhrich (Knights of Columbus), Amy Miklos (Young Adult Rep.), Brenda Oster (Finance Rep.), Jim Brickey (Building/Mtc.), Donna Hafner (Women of St. John's co-chair), and Finny (Pat) Sechser (meeting scribe). Absent: John Dvorak.

The meeting began at 1800 with a prayer led by Mary Krogman.

Ed's agenda included:

Old Business:

- progress report on letter to the Parish for draft stewardship mission statements and facilities priorities (Fr. Kerry)
- progress on stewardship mission statements (Ed)
- follow-up WSJ representative to monitor kitchen cleaning (Donna)
- follow-up WSJ progress on memorial for Fr. Peter Kovarik (Donna)
- status of maintenance needs (Jim and Joe)

New Business:

- None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Brickey reported that repairs for the church, basement and parish center are looking good. There is a problem on the southwest side of the church retaining wall with a water leak. Jim contacted Jamie Kelley to examine it.

Discussion about the toilets in the Parish Center showed that commercial grade toilets with low flow or power flush and urinals need to be installed. The toilets need to be at an acceptable height for persons with handicaps. Joe offered the services of the Knights of Columbus for installation. The sink in the front bathroom in the Parish Center needs replaced too. Joe will check at Menards and Jim will pick up the supplies.

The lock on the front door of the Parish Center needs repair. Joe will get parts for it as well. The air conditioner coils need to be cleaned after applying coil cleaner.

After discussion it was decided that Ed will draft an email to Fr. Kerry containing a draft **Stewardship Mission** statement and list of the capital projects. This will be reviewed by Father Kerry and sent to the parishioners via a bulletin insert. (**Capital projects** – paving and striping the parking lot; improved aesthetics in the Parish Hall; make the Parish Hall bathroom handicap accessible; update air conditioning and heating; meeting room chairs; grill and landscaping; small kitchen in the Parish Center basement and create a gathering area).

Cleaning of the kitchen – The Women of St. John (WSJ) will do a deep clean of the kitchen after the ham dinner and quarterly thereafter. Father will talk with Monica Whiting about her responsibilities for cleaning as the manager of the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program. Father Kerry has a specific list of duties for which she is responsible.

Father Pete's Memorial – This was initiated by the WSJ. In discussion most on the Council felt that the decision on a memorial should be made by the Parish, represented by the Council, rather than by the Women of St. John's alone. Suggestions from Father Kerry included landscaping, and a bronze plaque with an etching of Father Pete. The Parish Council decided on landscaping at the Parish Center. An insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin will provide parishioners the opportunity to donate money and explain Father Pete's aversion to multiple plaques.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe recommended a **work day** on 3/21/15 at 0900 to prepare for Palm Sunday by painting the cross walk, handicap parking areas and a room in the rectory; cleaning the east side of the rectory, trim and remove weeds from the courtyard and replace the floating floor in the kitchen of the rectory. Parishioners will be notified via email.

Father Kerry shared some observances and ideas he is pondering for the Year of Mercy, recently declared by Pope Francis, which starts 12/8/15 and lasts one year. He is trying to line up a minister to do mission education – possibly Peter Artieaga in August depending on his schedule. Father said that our parish will not have a transitional deacon this summer. Two priests will be ordained on July 2, 2015.

St. Anthony of Padua will celebrate their 125-year anniversary this summer. Father recommended St. John the Baptist investigate when our anniversary occurs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Young Adults by Amy- no action.

Liturgy by Ed – will meet 3/17 to coordinate Holy Week schedules and training. Margaret Farrell replaced Finny as the rep for greeters and ushers.

Finance by Brenda – we are on target for income. Committee members need to have their proposed budgets submitted by the end of April. There will be three confirmants and one baptism from the RCIA group.

Knights of Columbus by Joe – scholarship applications will be reviewed by the KC's on 3/17. The pancake fundraiser for the Kistlers netted \$500 and for the Eide's \$1000. The KC's are trialing a penny raffle to replace the bulletin ads they previously solicited. A lucky winner could win \$300 with the penny raffle.

LOOSE CHANGE ITEMS:

Fr. Kerry said there will be no change to the Mass schedule for the summer. ///// Finny was unable to find any type of security tether for the TV to be installed in the church basement. ///// Brenda will solicit costs for a color copier from Dakota Business or Century Business or Marko.

Motion by Amy with a second by Donna for adjournment.

Next meeting May 18 at 1800 at the Parish Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Finny (Pat) Sechser, scribe (EJF)